

## APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday December 20, 2018 at 1:30 PM USDA Conference Room 1124 Professional Drive Dodgeville, WI 53533

Iowa County Wisconsin

Meeting was called to order by chair Dave Gollon at 1:30 P.M.

**Roll Call.** Members present: Ron Benish, Kevin Butteris, Roger Dax, Dave Gollon, Don Leix, and Dan Nankee. Members excused: Rod Anding and Thomas McGraw.

Others present: Katie Abbott, John Meyers

**Approve the agenda for this December 20, 2018 meeting.** Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the December 20, 2018 agenda. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approve the minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting.** Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the November 15, 2018 minutes. Mr. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No action will be taken. Sup. Nankee provide an update on a cricket frog project. Mr. Dax provided an update on Hwy 80 and issues with more water and waterway cost-sharing.

NRCS update: no update was provided

**Blackhawk Lake update:** At the last Blackhawk Lake Commission meeting they discussed dam repair funds, the 2019 budget, electrical project, capital funds account, and raising camping fees by \$1/night. Discussion of past Blackhawk Lake dam conversations, and the cost, time, and requirements of any future dam repairs.

**Approve Farmland Preservation Program notices of non-compliance:** Ms. Abbott provided a list of 2018 Notices of Non-compliance (NONs). Discussion of the cost and benefits of Nutrient Management Plans. Sup. Nankee moved to approve the NONs with the provision that the landowners can come back into compliance in the future if they choose. Seconded by Sup. Leix. Motion carried.

**Consider CREP perpetual easement land use request:** Ms. Abbott handed out the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's guidance on easement provisions. Discussion of creating a consistent policy; LCD staff should come up with a policy and bring back to the committee.

**Public access issues on County dams:** Ms. Abbott provided a map of the County's dams. Discussion of public access on County dams if they adjoin a County right-of-way. Discussion of state law on transfer of dam ownership. Ms. Abbott will work with Corporate Counsel on the public access questions.

Land Conservation Department update: Ms. Abbott provided the following updates:

- a) 2018 annual report: discussion that committee liked the format and use of photos
- b) SW WI Groundwater Study: discussion of preliminary results an water quality issues
- c) Manure storage ordinance: Ms. Abbott handed out a NR151 fact sheet. Discussion about needing policies on implementation, and sticking with the most important and enforceable provisions.

**Agenda items for future meetings:** 2019 work plan, CREP easement recommendations, public access issues, uses at Bloomfield prairie

**Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn.** The next meeting date was set for Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. Sup. Benish moved to adjourn. Seconded by Sup. Butteris. Motion carried.