

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday January 17, 2019 at 3:30 PM HHS Building, Room 1001 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533	Iowa County Wisconsin
Meeting was called to order by chair Dave Gollon at 3:30 P.M.		
Roll Call. Members present: Ron Benish, Kevin Butteris, Roger Dax, Dave Gollon, Dan Nankee, and Thomas McGraw. Members excused: Rod Anding and Don Leix. Others present: Katie Abbott, Larry Bierke, Bill Grover, Andy Walsh		
Approve the agenda for this January 17, 2019 meeting and the minutes of the December 20, 2018 meeting. Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the January 17, 2019 agenda and approve the December 20, 2018 minutes. Sup. Butteris 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. Discussion re: SW WI groundwater study, Highland Township issue with manure on the road, policies on debris on roads; an article on a large farm in Kewaunee County. Bill Grover from Southwest Badger Resource Conservation & Development Council reported that they hired a new Executive Director, Rebecca Olson.		
NRCS update: Andy Walsh reported that they Farm Bill passed on Dec 20 with the main NRCS programs intact with only minor changes; NRCS is open during the shutdown although some deadlines will be pushed back; FSA is closed which holds up some of their projects; FSA loan office in Lancaster will be open temporarily; NRCS is able to stay current with their projects		
Blackhawk Lake update: There was no Blackhawk Lake Commission meeting in January. At the December meeting they discussed the dam maintenance fund. The fisheriee will be Saturday January 26.		
CREP perpetual easement recommendations: Ms. Abbott provided a handout with the LCD recommendations for various allowed uses on CREP perpetual easement areas once the FSA contract has expired. Sup. Benish moved to approve. Sup. Nankee seconded. Discussion about program requirements, NRCS guidelines, and leaving part of fields not hayed unless during a drought. Sup. Benish removed his motion to approve and Sup. Nankee removed his second. Guidelines will be discussed at next meeting.		
Manure storage ordinance updates: Ms. Abbott provided an update on the ordinance revision process. The LCD is working with Planning & Development, and will be recommending a 250ft setback from wells (to match the DNR well code), prohibiting unconfined stacks within 300ft of a stream, applying the ordinance to any size storage, and will look more at whether or not to include some of the state manure management prohibitions. Discussion re: well setbacks for unconfined manure stacks and enforcement through the Planning and Development Department.		
Groundwater study updates and next steps: Discussion re: next tests in Spring, mapping well construction, partner responses, press coverage and avoiding bias		
Public access issues on County dams: Ms. Abbott reported that the dam easements were provide to Corporate Counsel Matt Allen for his opinion, but the LCD found no language regarding allowing public access in the easements. Discussion re: the Birch Lake drawdown which will happen in May 2019, no more than 6” per day, and when the dredging will actually occur		

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

- a) Wisconsin Land & Water resolutions and upcoming meeting: meeting is in mid-March, LCD can register any Committee members who wish to attend; discussion of resolutions and having County staff on the groundwater study panel. Sup. Benish moved to approve the resolutions. Sup. Nankee seconded. Motion carried.
- b) Public uses at Bloomfield Prairie: after two issues with dogs being caught (but not hurt) in snare traps at the County Farm property, a group of County staff thought better signage about multiple uses is important but that a policy is not needed at this time.
- c) 2019 work plan: LCD is still working on some strategic and work planning, but most additions will come in the outreach category; Ms. Abbott passed around a printout of the winter newsletter

Agenda items for future meetings: 2019 work plan, CREP easement recommendations, ordinance update

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Thursday February 21 3:30pm. Mr. McGraw moved to adjourn. Seconded by Sup. Butteris. Motion carried.