

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday February 21, 2019 at 3:30 PM HHS Building, Room 2002 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, Dave Gollon, Don Leix, and Dan Nankee. Members excused: Rod Anding and Roger Dax. Members absent: Thomas McGraw Others present: Katie Abbott, Larry Bierke, Dave Terrall, Andy Walsh, John Meyers		
Approve the agenda for this February 21, 2019 meeting and the minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting. Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the February 21, 2019 agenda and approve the January 17, 2019 minutes. Sup. Leix 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 showed the committee the LCD newsletter, an article about Todd Novak chairing Wisconsin's Water Quality Task Force, WI Counties Association article written by Scott Godfrey, and a State Journal article about federal policy proposals targeting greenhouse gas emissions from cattle. Sup. Benish provided a State Journal article about a request to the State Supreme Court regarding authority of legislators vs. DNR to protect water quality. Sup. Gollon passed around a memo from Corporation Counsel about public access on County dams.		
APHIS wildlife claims and harvest waivers approval: Dave Terrall from USDA Wildlife Services provided the 2018 Iowa County Wildlife Damage Program Claim Summary and discussed two harvest waiver requests. Discussion of appraisals, payments, harvest requirements, appeals process, and program background. Sup. Benish moved to approve the waiver request by Matt Limmex. Sup. Nankee seconded. Motion passed. Sup. Benish moved to reject the waiver request by Jered Meyers. Sup. Butteris seconded. Motion passed. Sup. Leix moved to approve the claims. Sup. Benish seconded. Motion carried.		
NRCS update: Andy Walsh reported that the Farm Bill is in the rulemaking process, so NRCS is in a holding pattern.		
Blackhawk Lake update: Sup. Leix reported that the Blackhawk Lake Commission was willing to hear Iowa County's proposal for a dam maintenance fund, provided that they are ensured the funding will only be used for that purpose. Discussion of need to clarify what happens to the fund if DNR takes ownership of the dams.		
CREP perpetual easement recommendations: Discussion about splitting hayings and benefits of removing cut vegetation. Sup. Benish moved to approve the CREP easement guidelines with the addition that: only half of a field 40 acres or larger may be hayed in one year, and haying may be approved more frequently if a disaster or drought emergency is declared. Sup. Leix seconded. Motion carried.		
Manure storage ordinance updates: Ms. Abbott reported that a draft ordinance will be ready for review soon. She is waiting for feedback from DATCP.		
Farmland Preservation Program extension request: Ms. Abbott presented a request by Ryan Lindsey to extend his deadline for adding new acres to his NMP from March 1 to July 31 2019. Sup. Benish moved to approve the extension. Sup. Leix seconded, motion carried.		

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

- a) 2019 work plan: Ms. Abbott explained the strategic planning process for creating the work plan. Discussion of parts of the work plan. Recommendation to look into email or text message alerts for Runoff Risk Advisory alerts.
- b) Groundwater study updates: The next samples will be taken April 12 & 13. Letters to selected participants will be mailed March 1. Pathogen testing will begin this spring as well. Gov. Evers directed \$75,000 be provided for the study, which will cover the additional objectives and was not meant to offset County contributions. Ms. Abbott mentioned a position paper from the local Trout Unlimited chapter supporting more CAFO regulations.
- c) Birch Lake dredging update: the drawdown will begin in early to mid-May. The dredging will begin once the contractor decides it is dry enough. Discussion of a press release before drawdown so the public is aware, and of having Friends of Birch Lake provide an update at the next LCC meeting.

Agenda items for future meetings: manure storage ordinance, CREP management plan approval, dam public access issue

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Thursday March 21 at 1:00pm. Sup. Benish moved to adjourn. Seconded by Sup. Nankee. Motion carried.