

APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday August 15, 2019 at 1:00 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 1:00 PM.

Roll Call. Members present: Rod Anding, Ron Benish, Kevin Butteris, Dave Gollon, Don Leix, and

Dan Nankee. Members absent: Kallen Maxwell, Thomas McGraw

Others present: Katie Abbott, Larry Bierke, Landon Baumgartner, Mark Storti

Approve the agenda for this August 15, 2019 meeting and approve the minutes of the June 13, 2019 meeting: Mr. Anding made a motion to approve the August 15, 2019 agenda and approve the minutes of the June 13, 2019 meeting. Sup. Benish 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 passed around a newspaper photo from the Farmers Appreciation Day awards and a WI Counties Association graph about Land Conservation staffing funds; Sup. Butteris passed around a poster for the August 24 Antique Power Show

NRCS update: no update provided

Blackhawk Lake Commission meeting follow-up: The Committee discussed the proposed meeting with Mark Aquino from DNR regarding issues with dams and permits at Blackhawk Lake and asked for volunteers to attend. Sup. Benish moved to elect Dave Gollon, Larry Bierke, Rod Anding, and Dan Nankee to serve at the meeting. Sup. Leix seconded. Motion carried.

Larry Bierke presented an old email about insurance and liability coverage on the County dams.

Iowa County Manure Storage and Management Ordinance approval and fee recommendations: Discussion of two changes to the Ordinance after the public hearing with the Planning & Zoning Committee and of the fee proposal provided by the Land Conservation staff.

Sup. Butteris moved to approve the following fees: \$500 for a permit to build, upgrade, or replace a manure storage structure; \$100 for a permit to close or repair a manure storage structure; \$50 per month late fee for Nutrient Management Plans not turned in by March 1 of each year (for permitted structures). Sup. Nankee seconded. Motion carried.

Sup. Leix moved to send the Ordinance and Fee resolution to the Public Works Committee. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FPP Notices of Non-compliance and extension request approvals: Mr. Baumgartner presented details on twelve landowners that were past due on Farmland Preservation Program compliance deadlines.

Discussion of issues, those voluntarily leaving the program, and landowner cooperation.

Sup Leix moved to approved two Notices of Noncompliance for Dan, Ralph, and Elisabeth Springer, Mr. Anding seconded, motion carried.

Sup. Leix moved to approve a 1-year extension for Jewell Revocable Trust, Sup. Benish seconded, motion carried.

Sup. Nankee moved to approve an extension until Dec. 31, 2019 for Level Acres, Sup. Butteris seconded, motion carried.

Sup. Benish moved to approve a Notice of Noncompliance for Dan Spurley, Sup. Butteris seconded,

Sup. Leix recused himself, motion carried.

Sup. Leix moved to approve a 4-month extension for Wilmer, Nona, Todd, & Linda Roum, seconded by Sup. Benish, motion carried.

Sup. Benish moved to approve an extension until Dec. 31, 2019 for Kevin Kroll, Sup. Nankee seconded, Sup. Leix recused himself, motion carried.

Sup. Nankee moved to approve a 4-month extension for Terry Wolfe, seconded by Sup. Benish, motion carried.

Sup. Benish moved to approve a 12-month extension for Tom Forseth, seconded by Sup. Leix, motion carried.

Sup. Benish moved to approve a 4-month extension for Wyatt Wendhausen, Sup. Butteris seconded,

Sup. Leix recused himself, motion carried.

Sup. Nankee moved to approve a Notice of Noncompliance for Vince Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Anding, motion carried.

Sup. Benish moved to approve a Notice of Noncompliance for Forest View Farm, Sup. Leix seconded, motion carried.

LCD Budgets: 2019 to date and 2020 proposal: Ms. Abbott presented the Year-to-date and 2020 Proposed Land Conservation Department budgets. Discussion of most significant changes from 2019 to 2020. The Committee advised that the requested tax levy increase be reduced to 2-3%.

Groundwater study update and discussion of media issue: Ms. Abbott presented data that was recently release from the study. Discussion of media coverage, some of which was very good and some that was misleading; discussion of media strategy for next time.

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

- a) Dam maintenance: Birch Lake is drawn down and valve inspection will occur soon. Request for staff to take photos of progression. There were some mowing/rut issues on dams due to a very wet fall and spring; discussion of seepage/wet areas on dams. Several beaver dams were removed and beavers trapped in cooperation with USDA Wildlife Services. UW-Platteville plans a study on the current value of dams for flood control as part of a class project.
- b) Program updates: Ms. Abbott provided an update on current and completed projects.
- c) Upcoming events: Ms. Abbott passed around information about three upcoming events.

Agenda items for future meetings: project approvals, committee no-shows, budget update

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Thursday September 12 at 1:00pm. Sup. Benish made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:12pm.