

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday May 16, 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 3:37pm.		
Roll Call. Members present: Rod Anding, Ron Benish, Kevin Butteris, Dave Gollon, and Don Leix. Members excused: Dan Nankee Members absent: Kallen Maxwell, Thomas McGraw Others present: Katie Abbott, Travis Anderson, Larry Bierke, Scott Godfrey, Jared Meyers, Dave Terrall, Andy Walsh		
Approve the agenda for this May 16, 2019 meeting and approve the minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the May 16, 2019 agenda and approve the minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting. 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. Sup. Leix mentioned the Water Quality Task Force hearing in Lancaster, and the video of it available on WisEye. Sup. Gollon mentioned the June 25 Natural Resources Board meeting that will take place in Barneveld and will include a water quality presentation.		
NRCS update: Andy Walsh provided an update that the sign up for soil health practices ends May 16. Their funding is obligated and they will be starting on 2020 projects.		
APHIS harvest waiver appeal: Dave Terrall, Travis Anderson, and Jared Meyers presented the appeal request of Jared Meyers for his APHIS harvest waiver denial. Additional documentation of harvest effort during the hunting season was provided. Discussion of harvest history, documentation, importance of harvesting outside of the regular hunting season, and amount of payment. Sup. Benish moved to deny the harvest waiver appeal request. Seconded by Sup. Butteris. One opposed, four in favor; motion carried.		
Blackhawk Lake Recreation Area: a) Operations agreement: Mr. Bierke discussed his meeting with the Blackhawk Lake Commission about an updated Operations Agreement and provided a proposed amendment regarding a shared dam repair fund. The Commission would like to have a joint meeting before moving forward. Discussion of agreements, roles, and County liability. b) Summer meeting: The LCC and Blackhawk lake Commission will have a joint meeting in August, likely August 14. The discussion will include any issues the Commission is having with park maintenance and DNR permission. After the August meeting, another meeting with LCC, the Commission, and DNR should be arranged. c) Commission meeting updates: no further updates		
Discussion of draft Manure Storage and Management Ordinance and public hearing process: Ms. Abbott and Mr. Godfrey presented the draft ordinance. Discussion of new provisions and NRCS Technical Standards. The Committee agreed a public hearing should be held jointly with the Planning and Development Committee. Staff will inform townships, Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's Association, and other partners about the draft ordinance prior to the public hearing.		

Birch Lake dam repair contractor selection: Ms. Abbott presented quotes from Northern Divers USA, JF Brennan, and Underwater Construction to test and inspect the low-level draw valve and underwater pipe. An NRCS engineer suggested to wait to contract until the water level is lowered and staff can confirm whether or not the valve is leaking. Discussion of bids; lowest bid was determined incomplete as it did not include testing the valve. Sup. Benish moved to accept the second lowest bid of Northern Divers USA, with the condition that staff wait to contract until the water level is lowered and staff can assess if the valve is leaking. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Farmer's Appreciation Day award nominations: nominations for all award categories had not been received; discussion was postponed until the June meeting.

"Bloomfield Prairie" sign proposal approval: Ms. Abbott presented Iowa County Recreation and Prairie Restoration's proposal for new entry signs at the county land off of County CH. Discussion of new title of "Bloomfield Prairie," permit needs, and highway setbacks. Sup. Butteris moved to approve the new signs provided County Highway and Planning & Development Departments are consulted. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

- a) Groundwater study: Over 500 samples were collected April 12 & 13. Results will be released soon. The SWIGG team presented at the Water Quality Task Force hearing in Lancaster on May 8. A recording of the hearing is posted on WisEye.org
- b) Program updates: 2019 cost-share funds for structures are allocated, though not all contracted yet. Projects include stream crossings, grassed waterways, spring developments, and well decommissions. Several landowners who were found out of compliance during last year's Farmland Preservation Site Visits are due to have fixed their issues this June-September. We will soon be coming to the Committee with Notices of Noncompliance or extension requests.
- c) Upcoming events: Southern Area Association meeting (May 23), County Conservationist meeting (mid-July), Iowa County Dairy Breakfast (June 1), and Iowa County Uplands Farmer-led group small grains field day (June 30).

Agenda items for future meetings: Farmers Appreciation day awards, rainfall simulator loan policy

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Thursday June 13 at 3:30 pm. Sup. Benish made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried.