

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday January 22, 2020 at 1:00 PM USDA Conference Room 1124 Professional Drive Dodgeville, WI 53533	Iowa County Wisconsin
Meeting was called to order by Chair David Gollon at 1:00 PM.		
Roll Call. Members present: Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Roger Dax, Dave Gollon, and Don Leix. Members excused: Rod Anding, Dan Nankee Others present: Katie Abbott, Landon Baumgartner, Larry Bierke, Andy Walsh, Sarah Hovis		
Approve the agenda for this January 22, 2020 meeting: Sup. Leix made a motion to approve the January 22, 2020 agenda with change that the January dates should read 2020 instead of 2019. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Approve the minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting: Sup. Butteris made a motion to approve the December 18, 2019 minutes. 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. Discussion of an article about PFAS found throughout the U.S., a Madison fish advisory, and well contamination.		
NRCS update: Mr. Walsh provided updates. Farm Bill rules were published and EQIP set a signup deadline of February 28. If there are remaining funds a second sign-up will close June 5. CRP signup is also open through February 28; there is strong interest despite lower rental rates. CREP is also open.		
Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Not much discussion about the dams at the last Commission meeting; they are hesitant on any commitment and worried about cost. The Public Works Committee did not pass the agreement last meeting; it will need to be amended to reflect the County maintaining County Road BH. They are waiting for Corp. Counsel to be hired and provide an opinion. There has been no response yet from DNR about the questions posed during the meeting about the dams. Discussion re: County involvement in park operations; County liability; being reasonable with any changes/expectations; access, parking and road maintenance; questions posed to Public Works about past product sales.		
Farmland Preservation Program Extension requests and possible notices of noncompliance: Mr. Baumgartner and Ms. Abbott presented a list of non-compliant landowners, extension requests, and displayed photos. All but two had a previous extension to the end of 2019. Discussion of each situation. -Sup. Benish moved to reject extension request of Lavin Sigg. Mr. Bunker seconded. Motion carried. -Sup. Leix mad a motion to provide a 6-month extension to Jerry Yager. Sup. Butteris seconded. Motion carried. -Sup. Benish made a motion to reject extension request of Terry Wolfe & TESUM Inc. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried. -Mr. Dax made a motion to reject the extension request of Pat Fillbach. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried. -Mr. Dax made a motion to require a cost-share contract or plan by May 1 for Lonny Moyer, with a project deadline of July 15 or else the Notice of Noncompliance will be issued. Mr. Moyer must come to the LCC meeting if he wants a different timeline. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

Discussion of possible revisions to the Farmland Preservation Program compliance policy: Ms. Abbott and Mr. Baumgartner discussed the idea of changing the current FPP compliance policy to create shorter timeframes for compliance of certain standards and creating a guidelines for immediate Notices of Noncompliance for frequent violations. Discussion of communicating with FPP participants about expectations and consequences. Sup. Benish made a motion to direct staff to bring a draft of policy recommendations to the next meeting. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consider approval of groundwater study agreement: Discussion of press and results of study. Future studies should not release results until the end. Sup. Leix made a motion to sign the agreement. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Youth education poster judging: Ms. Abbott and Ms. Hovis presented the posters and process; Committee filled out ranking sheets for each. Discussion of set up for next time.

Land Conservation Department updates:

- a) 2020 work plan: Ms. Abbott presented a summary of the 2020 LCD work plan. Discussion of goals, objectives, tasks, and coming back with any major successes or challenges for LCC consideration.
- b) Land & Water Resource Management Plan update: Ms. Abbott passed around the form, which staff will complete and bring to the next meeting.
- c) Upcoming Land+Water Association Conference: Ms. Abbott passed around the list of breakout sessions.
- d) Water Quality Task Force report: Ms. Abbott provided a summary of legislative bills proposed from the Task Force report. Sup. Gollon encouraged everyone to read the full report, ask questions, and give support as it proceeds to the Senate.

Agenda items for future meetings: review LWRM plan update materials, FPP policy revision, work plan issues/successes

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday February 19 at 1:00pm. Mr. Bunker made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.