

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday May 20, 2020 at 3:30 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533 Public remote attendance option: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89887901631 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 898 8790 1631	Iowa County Wisconsin
Meeting was called to order by Katie Abbott at 3:32pm.		
Roll Call. Members present: Rod Anding, Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Roger Dax, Dave Gollon, Don Leix, and Dan Nankee. Others present: Katie Abbott, Terry Wolfe (via Zoom)		
Election of Chair: Sup. Benish nominated Sup. Gollon, seconded by Sup. Leix. No other nominations were put forward. Sup. Benish moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Seconded by Mr. Bunker. Sup. Gollon abstained from voting; motion carried.		
Election of Vice Chair: Sup. Butteris nominated Sup. Leix. No other nominations were put forward. Mr. Bunker moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Seconded by Sup. Nankee. Motion carried.		
Election of Secretary: Sup. Benish nominated Sup. Nankee, seconded by Sup. Butteris. No other nominations were put forward. Sup. Benish moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Seconded by Sup. Leix. Motion carried.		
Approve the agenda for this May 20, 2020 meeting: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the May 20, 2020 agenda. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Approve the minutes of the February 19, 2020 meeting: Sup. Leix made a motion to approve the February 19, 2020 minutes. Mr. Bunker 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 shared two articles from the Dodgeville Chronicle about the history of Blackhawk Lake and the Gollon Bait Farm. Sup. Nankee also mentioned Rep. Novak's meeting with local farmers. The Committee observed a moment of silence for Greg Parman.		
Terry Wolfe, TESUM Inc, FPP Notice of Non-compliance appeal: Mr. Wolfe explained his reasons for requesting the appeal and why his NMP was not submitted on time, including an issue with soil tests being sent to the wrong person. The Committee asked questions about the soil tests and ability to complete the Nutrient Management Plan, and emphasized the need for timely response in the future. Sup. Benish moved to cancel the Notice of Non-compliance if the completed NMP is received within 10 working days. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
NRCS update: Ms. Abbott read the update from NRCS: all but 2 employees at a time are teleworking and customers are not allowed in the building. There is drop box outside the building. Site visits have continued. 117 CRP offers were accepted, and 30 out of 80 EQIP applications were funded. Additional EQIP funding is expected. Discussion re: dollar amounts, rates, and FSA funding for farmers.		

Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Sup. Leix provided an update that the Commission met twice since February. They've opened the docks for boaters and will open the campground except the group camps. The office, beach, and showers are closed to the public and they are handing out a code of conduct. Discussion re: road closure and public notice of Commission meetings.

Response from DNR re: Blackhawk Lake dams: The Committee went over the question responses and wanted more information on several of the questions. The Committee would like Corp Counsel to review these issues. Discussion re: dam inspections, dam valve, County liability, dam issues in other areas, flooding and spillway overflow, and how many other dams are on DNR land but not owned by DNR.

Targeted Runoff Management grant authorizing resolution: Ms. Abbott gave a brief summary of the funds requested and activities. Discussion of timing of grant that required approval to go to Public Works before Land Conservation. Mr. Bunker moved to approve the resolution. Sup. Benish seconded. Motion carried.

Land Conservation Department updates:

- a) Land and Water Resource Management Plan Update meeting: Ms. Abbott discussed Iowa County's presentation for the 5-year review of the LWRM Plan at the June 2 Land and Water Conservation Board meeting that will be held via Skype, and provided materials for any Committee members who wanted to attend.
- b) Groundwater study updates: Ms. Abbott provided an update on the latest well testing results. Discussion of well construction issues, contamination caused by old wells, and sinkholes.
- c) Land + Water handbooks and webinars: Ms. Abbott asked if the Committee would like to view the short Land + Water videos at future LCC meetings. The Committee was supportive. Discussion of TMDLs, point vs non-point pollution, and payments to farmers to reduce nutrients.

Agenda items for future meetings: Choose Farmers Appreciation Day award winners, FPP Policy Revision proposal, Yost CREP management plan approval, Geiger CREP approval, and Regional invasive species coordination. Discussion re: adding a probationary period to the FPP policy.

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday June 17, 2020 with an alternate date of June 24th if the Community Room is not available. Sup. Benish made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:04pm.