

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday June 17, 2020 at 1:30 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533 Public remote attendance option: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84214338845 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 842 1433 8845	Iowa County Wisconsin
Meeting was called to order by Chair David Gollon at 1:32pm.		
Roll Call. Members present: Rod Anding, Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Roger Dax, Dave Gollon, Don Leix, and Dan Nankee. Members excused: Kevin Butteris. Others present: Katie Abbott, Landon Baumgartner (via Zoom)		
Approve the agenda for this June 17, 2020 meeting: Sup. Nankee made a motion to approve the June 17, 2020 agenda. Sup. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020 meeting: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the May 20, 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 the Grant County Conservation office annual report, including a sinkhole project and youth poster contest, and gave a summary of the March Land & Water Association conference. Discussion re: CWD.		
NRCS update: no update was provided		
Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Sup. Leix reported that the parks is ahead in income and park pass sales compared to the same time last year. They installed some new decks. The park is open with social distancing, and camping is going well. Pontoon use has increased but the boat landings can get backed up. The Commission looked at the DNR responses to the County's questions and didn't have many comments.		
Choose Iowa County Conservation Awards winners: Discussion of award nominees. Sup. Benish made a motion to award the Farmer of the Year award to Wayne, Dan, and Mark Ramsden. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Bunker made a motion to award Bill Spurley the Water Quality Leadership award. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Benish made a motion to award David Anderson the Wildlife Habitat award. Seconded by Mr. Dax. Motion carried. Sup. Benish made a motion to award Gene VanDyke the Friend of Conservation award, seconded by Sup. Nankee. Motion carried. Mr. Dax made a motion to award Dick Powell the Tree Farmer of the Year award. Seconded by Sup. Leix. Motion carried.		

FPP compliance extension requests: Mr. Baumgartner provided information about the four extension requests, including the Haffner farm waterway issue. Discussion of issues between landowners and their farmer renters. Discussion of waterway issues and equipment size. Sup. Benish moved to approve the extension requests for Eric Drachenberg, Drachenberg Land LLC, Joanie Haffner, and Hanley Farm LLC. Seconded by Sup. Nankee. Motion carried.

FPP policy revision proposal: Discussion of tying FPP compliance to the operator and enforcement of farming practices. Sup. Benish made a motion to delay approval for one month so staff can look into the Committee's enforcement questions. Seconded by Mr. Dax. Motion carried.

Approve cost-share rates for cropping practices and nutrient management planning: Ms. Abbott and Mr. Baumgartner provided information about the proposed use of some of the DATCP cost-share funding for cropland practices. Discussion of level of interest, how to prioritize funds, and practice standards. Sup. Benish moved to postpone approval until July, seconded by Mr. Dax. Motion carried.

Land Conservation Department updates:

- a) Cost-share projects and FPP: Ms. Abbott provided an update on the status of the programs.
- b) Birch Lake dam valve repair: Ms. Abbott reported that her grant application for DNR funding for the valve repair was prioritized for funding, but Friends of Birch Lake (FOBLA) delayed the lake dredging project due to Covid-19. The Committee requested Corp. Counsel's recommendation on if the delay puts FOBLA out of compliance with any County approvals or permits.
- c) MDV funding: Ms. Abbott reported that the DNR approved the Department's plan for prioritizing the funding and they can move forward with projects.
- d) Bloomfield prairie: Ms. Abbott reported that there was a complaint about dogs running loose at the property and she is working with Jake Tarrell on signage.

Agenda items for future meetings: FPP Policy Revision proposal, cost-share rates approval, LCD truck request, CREP management plan approvals, regional invasive species coordination, 2021 budget proposal (August), Land +Water video. Discussion re: holding a join meeting with Blackhawk Lake later this summer, possibly September. Sup. Leix will ask the Commission if they still want to have a joint meeting.

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday July 22, 2020 at 1:00pm. Mr. Bunker made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:06pm.