

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday August 19, 2020 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533 Remote attendance option: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84527604072 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 845 2760 4072	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, Don Leix, and Dan Nankee. Members excused: Rod Anding Others present: Katie Abbott, Landon Baumgartner (via Zoom), Susan Storti (via Zoom), Larry Bierke, John Meyers, Dave Morzenti, Craig Hardy, Matt Wallrath (via Zoom), Wade Moder (via Zoom)		
Approve the agenda for this August 19, 2020 meeting: Sup. Nankee made a motion to approve the August 19, 2020 agenda. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Convene in closed session: per Wis. Statute 19.85(1)(g): Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Blackhawk Lake Recreation Area operations agreement and the procedures for abstaining and changing votes of record). Sup. Benish moved to convene in closed session. Mr. Dax seconded. Motion carried. Closed session convened at 1:05pm. In attendance during the closed session: Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Roger Dax, Dave Gollon, Don Leix, Dan Nankee, Katie Abbott, Susan Storti (via Zoom), Larry Bierke, John Meyers, Dave Morzenti, and Craig Hardy.		
Convene in open session: Sup. Leix moved to convene in open session. Mr. Bunker seconded. Motion carried. Open session convened at 2:10pm.		
Approve the minutes of the July 22, 2020 meeting: Sup. Nankee requested to change his July 22, 2020 vote regarding the Spurley Farm FPP Notice of Noncompliance appeal from Nay to Abstention. There were no objections. Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the July 22, 2020 minutes with the change to Sup. Nankee's vote and the correction of changing the month of next meeting dates from July to August. Sup. Leix 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 information about a youth ag program, NMP cost-savings worksheet, and an article about dam failures in Monroe and Vernon Counties		
Consider Upper Sugar River Watershed Association (USRWA) proposal for regional invasive species coordination: Matt Wallrath and Wade Moder gave a presentation about their current invasive species work, the new DNR Lake Monitoring & Protection Network allocation, and USRWA's proposal to be the designated agent for SW WI. Discussion re: media, public perception. The Committee agreed by consensus to the proposal on a 1-year trial basis, with the agreement to be reviewed each year.		

NRCS update: Ms. Abbott read an update provided by Andy Walsh from NRCS: staff are back in the office with limited teleworking, but the building is still closed to customers. A dropbox was installed for paperwork. They obligated funds for 46 Environmental Quality Incentives Program projects. Next year's EQIP application deadline is anticipated to be 11/20/20. The opening for a Soil Conservation Technician was recently announced.

Conservation practices on County-owned land: Sup. Leix moved to skip to item #15 in the agenda. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion of needing a management plan on county land before it is rented out, and the need to lead by example. Discussion of current practices, soil erosion rates, and whether the County should require more restrictive measures.

Blackhawk Lake Commission: update, annual report, and next steps for operations agreement

Sup. Leix reported that they will have a new manager and new bookkeeper soon. They've been very busy and are doing much better financially than they were at this time last year.

FPP extension requests: Ms. Abbott and Mr. Baumgartner provided information on each FPP compliance deadline. Sup. Benish moved to deny the extension, resulting in a Notice of Non-Compliance, for Tom McIntosh. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Dax moved to approve the extension request for Rick Zemlicka. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Dax moved to approve the extension request for Stosh Potocki. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Benish moved to approve the extension request for Al Jewell. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Benish moved to deny the extension, resulting in a Notice of Non-Compliance, for Tom Forseth. Mr. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cost-share project approvals: Ms. Abbott presented the list of cost-share projects, and explained that some of these won't occur until next year. Mr. Bunker moved to approve the cost-share projects. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consider a Nutrient Management Planning cost-share rate increase: due to time constraints, this agenda item was delayed until a future meeting.

2021 LCD budget proposal: Ms. Abbott presented the LCD proposed 2021 budget. The tax levy will increase due to normal salary increases and a healthcare increase after a staff marriage. Some state grant amounts are still uncertain due to COVID-19-related State budget cuts. A 2-hr/week increase in Department Assistant hours was included, funded through the Targeted Runoff Management Grant. If that grant is not received, the Dept. Assistant will remain at her current hours.

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

- a) SWIGG study update: the researchers are still analyzing data, but results of the most recent well testing might be release in the next few weeks.
- b) Cover crop cost-share: the 2021 cover crop cost-share will not be provided if the additional soil disturbance causes fields to exceed Tolerable Soil Loss ("T"). If there is high demand for the cost-sharing, the Department will prioritize projects that do not result in an increase in erosion.
- c) LCD staffing arrangement: due to COVID-19, two staff will be working from home every day.

Agenda items for future meetings: Blackhawk Lake Operations Agreement, 2021 budget proposal, NMP cost-share rate, County land agricultural practices

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday September 23, 2020 at 1:00pm. Sup. Benish made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:23pm.