

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday September 23, 2020 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533 Remote attendance option: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83218700063 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 832 1870 0063	Iowa County Wisconsin
Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Don Leix at 1:00 pm.		
Roll Call. Members present: Rod Anding, Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Roger Dax, Don Leix, and Dan Nankee. Board Chair John Meyers sat in as a voting member. Members excused: Dave Gollon Others present: Katie Abbott, Landon Baumgartner (via Zoom), Larry Bierke (via Zoom), Andy Walsh (via Zoom), Tom Forseth		
Approve the agenda for this September 23, 2020 meeting: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the September 23, 2020 agenda. Mr. Anding seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Approve the minutes of the August 19, 2020 meeting: Sup. Nankee made a motion to approve the August 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 discussed several streams in Iowa County whose trout stream classifications are changing, shared that 4H is holding a virtual Conservation Challenge for kids, and that the SW WI Regional Planning Commission newsletter spotlighted the Lowery Creek watershed mapping		
NRCS update: Ms. Abbott read an update provided by Andy Walsh from NRCS: the anticipated deadline for 2021 EQIP funding is November 20. A total of 97 general CRP and 29 CREP/Continuous CREP contracts were signed this summer.		
Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Sup. Leix reported that the Commission's balance sheet looks good, they have new signs, and they went into a closed session to look at resumes for two open positions.		
FPP: Noncompliance appeal by Tom Forseth and possible extension/noncompliance for Mark and Eileen Frank: Mr. Forseth provided information about his farm, practices, challenges, and plans, and answered questions from the Committee. Sup. Benish moved to not grant an extension and to maintain the Notice of Noncompliance. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Aye- 7 Nay-1. Mr. Anding voted against the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Abbott and Mr. Baumgartner provided background on the Frank extension request. Mr. Bunker made a motion to extend their NMP deadline to December 31, 2020. Mr. Anding seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Consider a Nutrient Management Planning cost-share rate increase: Ms. Abbott and Mr. Baumgartner presented information on possible rates to increase NMP cost-sharing, and discussed current funding and interest. Sup. Nankee made a motion to stay at \$7/ac/yr for 2020 and 2021. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

2021 LCD budget proposal: Ms. Abbott presented the LCD proposed 2021 budget, which had no changes from August. Counties expect to hear about DATCP staff and cost-share grant levels in early October. Discussion of grant funding, possible state cuts, and health care costs.

Land Conservation Department updates:

- a) SWIGG study update: Ms. Abbott provided the results of the March 2020 well testing. Discussion of media coverage, past testing, well and septic construction, and mine shafts.
- b) Technician job approval: Ms. Abbott reported that technician Sarah Hovis recently received DATCP job approval for access roads, grassed waterways, heavy use area protection, spring developments, and stream crossings, allowing her to complete projects more quickly.
- c) Conservation on County-owned land: Ms. Abbott reported that she has discussed the issue with Larry Bierke and Craig Hardy, and they will continue to work on a process at the staff level before the next round of bids for farm leases. Discussion of challenges with impermeable airport runways, and budget considerations.

Agenda items for future meetings: wildlife abatement crop prices and 2021 budget; state funding updates; Twin Parks #6 contractor selection

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday October 21, 2020 at 1:00pm. Sup. Benish made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Anding seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.