

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday October 21, 2020 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533 Remote attendance option: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81704195937 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 817 0419 5937	Iowa County Wisconsin
Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Don Leix at 1:03 pm.		
Roll Call. Members present: Rod Anding (via Zoom), Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Roger Dax, Don Leix, and Dan Nankee. Members excused: Dave Gollon Others present: Katie Abbott, Landon Baumgartner (via Zoom), Larry Bierke (via Zoom), Dave Terrall		
Approve the agenda for this, October 21, 2020 meeting: Sup. Bunker made a motion to approve the October 21, 2020 agenda. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Approve the minutes of the September 23, 2020 meeting: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the September 23, 2020 minutes. Sup. Nankee 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 share an article about cover crops after silage; Grant Co ADRC's newsletter that included information about the Farm Center hotline for farmer counseling; and an article about cover crop interseeding in Marshfield.		
NRCS update: Ms. Abbott read an update provided by Kaitlin Schott, acting District Conservationist. Kaitlin will be acting DC until Nov 17; the Dodgeville office still has not filled the Soil Conservation Technician position, but area staff is helping to cover the workload. EQIP batching date is November 20, 2020, and they continue to have projects on a variety of land use types. Over 15 structural projects were completed this fall. They have ongoing projects including grazing systems and stream stabilization.		
Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Sup. Leix reported that the Commission hired former assistant manager Tom Michek as the new Park Manager. They are looking for a new assistant. They have been very busy due to COVID-19 with full campgrounds and much higher profits compared to last year.		
Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program: Approval of 2021 budget and 2020 crop prices: Dave Terrall from USDA Wildlife Services provided background on the program and explained the 2021 budget, which is lower because Columbia County was added to Dave's area so the cost is shared more. Discussion of bear, bobcats, and fencing in Iowa County. Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the 2021 Wildlife Damage Abatement budget. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion of 2020 crop prices. Sup. Butteris made a motion to accept crop prices as presented. Sup. Benish seconded. After discussion, Sup. Butteris amended his motion to increase the corn price to \$3.50/bushel, soybeans to \$9/bushel, and straw to \$150/ton. Sup. Benish seconded. Motion carried.		

Twin Parks #6 dam repair contractor selection: Sup. Nankee moved to postpone this agenda item until the November meeting. Mr. Bunker seconded. Motion carried.

Committee member involvement in landowner compliance issues: Discussion of how to proceed if a landowner contacts a committee member about a compliance issue. The Committee agreed that members should explain that they cannot represent the Committee or Department, and landowners should present their situation at an LCC meeting so all members have the same information. If a site visit is requested, a Committee member should include Department staff.

FPP Extension requests/Notices of Non-Compliance: Ms. Abbott and Mr. Baumgartner presented current compliance issues and extension requests.

Sup. Benish moved to approve a seven-month extension for Dean Gullickson. Seconded by Mr. Dax. Motion carried.

Mr. Dax moved to approve a twelve-month extension for Randy James. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sup. Benish moved to deny an extension for Robert Ley. Mr. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sup. Benish moved to approve a six-month extension for Ken Wunderlin. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Bunker made a motion to approve an extension until January 1 for Thomas Murphy (operator Carl Sigg). Mr. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Land Conservation Department updates:

- a) 2021 LCD budget proposal- changes, state funding updates, MDV funding: Ms. Abbott presented budget changes due to health care and salary costs. DATCP did not cut any of the staffing or cost-share grant funding. The Department plans to apply for MDV funds again in 2021.
- b) Upcoming outreach: Ms. Abbott discussed upcoming webinars and a video staff worked on, and the newsletter.

Agenda items for future meetings: closed session for Blackhawk Lake Agreement

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday November 18, 2020 at 1:00pm. Sup. Benish made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:33PM.