

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday November 18, 2020 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533 Remote attendance option: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88014051301 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 880 1405 1301	Iowa County Wisconsin
Meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Gollon at 1:02 pm.		
Roll Call. Members present: Rod Anding (via Zoom), Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Roger Dax, Dave Gollon, Don Leix, and Dan Nankee (via Zoom). Others present: Katie Abbott, Landon Baumgartner (via Zoom), Dave Morzenti, Craig Hardy, Sup. John Meyers, and Sup. Susan Storti.		
Approve the agenda for this November 18, 2020 meeting: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve this November 18, 2020 agenda. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Approve the minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting: Mr. Bunker made a motion to approve the October 21, 2020 minutes. Mr. Dax 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. Mr. Dax shared a Wisconsin Agriculturalist report by Jim Massey about the decline of dairy farms in Wisconsin, and an article about the 35 th anniversary of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and the amounts of soil, nutrients, and greenhouse gases the program has saved. Mr. Dax also mentioned the next CRP sign-up will start January 4, 2021 with a Grassland CRP sign-up in March. Discussion of conversion of dairies to cash crops operations.		
NRCS update: Ms. Abbott read an update provided by District Conservationist Andy Walsh: NRCS in Iowa and Lafayette Counties now share management and Mr. Walsh will be the DC for both, splitting his time. There are no other staff changes. The EQIP signup batching date is November 20, 2020; applications received by that date will be evaluated for funding in January 2021.		
Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Sup. Leix reported that the Commission had its first meeting with new manager Tom Michek. Camping has continued, they've put up some new signs, and they may order a new accessible fishing dock. They are in the process of hiring a new assistant manager.		
Twin Parks #6 dam repair contractor decision: Discussion of one bid received, need for others to compare, and option to delay until Spring. Sup. Benish moved to reject the bid and re-post in Spring. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
FPP Extension requests/Notices of Non-Compliance: Sup. Benish moved to grant six-month extensions to Doug Roh, and Michael and Sheila Draves. Sup. Leix 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): Sup. Leix moved to convene in closed session. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Present: Rod Anding (via Zoom), Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Roger Dax, Dave Gollon, Don Leix, Dan Nankee (via Zoom), Katie Abbott, Dave Morzenti, Craig Hardy, Sup. John Meyers, and Sup. Susan Storti. Closed session began at 1:20pm.

Convene in open session: Sup. Leix moved to convene in open session. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Open session began at 2:59pm.

Discussion of next steps for Blackhawk Lake Recreation Area operations agreement: Sup. Benish moved to add the changes discussed to the draft operations agreement and have the LCC chair and LCD send it to the Blackhawk Lake Commission with the cover letter. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda items for future meetings: FPP Notices of Non-Compliance, Blackhawk Lake operations agreement (open session).

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday December 16, 2020 at 1:00pm. Sup. Benish made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM.