

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday June 16, 2021 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533 Remote attendance option: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81703752901 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 817 0375 2901	Iowa County Wisconsin
Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Don Leix at 1:00pm		
Roll Call. Members present: Rod Anding, Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Jason James (via zoom), Don Leix, and Dan Nankee. Absent: Dave Gollon Others present: Larry Bierke, Dave Morzenti, Katie Abbott, Landon Baumgartner, Andy Walsh		
Approve the agenda for this June 16, 2021 meeting: Mr. Anding made a motion to approve this June 16, 2021 agenda. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Approve the minutes of the May 19, 2021 meeting: Mr. Bunker made a motion to approve the May 19, 2021 minutes. Sup. Benish 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 reported on the new Alice in Dairyland; the 2020 custom rate guide; Farm Bureau article re: broadband; Dr. Zorba Paster article re: “The Digital Divide”; and process for FPP checks for committee members. Discussion re: broadband policy.		
NRCS update: Mr. Walsh reported that the USDA office remains closed and NRCS has 50% of staff working in office; this may change soon. Anyone interested in providing input on NRCS funding for different land uses and practices should attend the EQIP local work group meeting coming up on July 14. The work group now includes four Counties (Iowa, Lafayette, Grant, and Green). CRP general sign-up is open until July 23; most rental rates have increased; any questions or interest should go to FSA. NRCS engineers provided 26 hours of assistance for the Twin Park #6 dam repair.		
FPP Extension Requests and Notices of Non-compliance: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve a 12-month extension for Nick Kirch. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Benish made a motion to deny the extension request of Gerald Sweeney. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Benish made a motion to issue a Notice of Non-compliance for Arlene Theobald. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Benish made a motion to deny the extension request of Wanda McCutchin. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion that landowners can come back into the program once they are in compliance.		
Blackhawk Lake Commission: update, operations agreement, and dam fund resolution: The Commission approved the agreement and resolution with no changes. They requested an annual report on the savings account (or they can be included on the statements). Discussion of timeline, budgeting, and signatures required. Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the agreement and resolution and forward them on to the Public Works Committee for approval. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

Birch Lake dam repairs contractor selection: Ms. Abbott presented the bids received for three repairs on the Birch Lake dam. Discussion of options and timeline in relation to the DNR grant. Sup. Benish made a motion to accept the bid from Northern Divers for the valve replacement, and to reject the MZ Construction bid and re-bid for the berm and toe drain repairs. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consider signing South-Central Wisconsin Invasive Species Collaboration MOU: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve Ms. Abbott to sign the SWISC MOU. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Sup. Leix opposed. Motion carried.

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

- a) **Manure storage permits and ordinance:** Land Conservation and Planning & Development departments are working on approving two manure storage permits as well as creating revisions to the ordinance that will come to the Committee for review soon.
- b) **Twin Parks 6 dam repair:** The TP6 repair was completed successfully with much help from NRCS.
- c) **Upcoming events: County Conservation Mtg July 15-16; Conservation Observance Day Aug 13:** Any Committee members interested in these events should let Ms. Abbott know. She will also email out the information.
- d) **2020 Wisconsin Report on Soil and Water Conservation:** Ms. Abbott brought two copies and will also email the link to the Committee.

Agenda items for future meetings: FPP Policy and extensions; TP7 Dam repair bids; Blackhawk Lake joint meeting

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday July 21, 2021 at 1:00pm. Sup. Benish made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.