

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday May 19, 2021 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533 Remote attendance option: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89935878809 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 899 3587 8809	Iowa County Wisconsin
Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Don Leix at 1:03pm		
Roll Call. Members present: Rod Anding, Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Dave Gollon, Don Leix, and Dan Nankee. Absent: Jason James Others present: Katie Abbott, Landon Baumgartner		
Approve the agenda for this May 19, 2021 meeting: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve this May 19, 2021 agenda. Mr. Anding seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Approve the minutes of the April 21, 2021 meeting: Mr. Bunker made a motion to approve the April 21, 2021 minutes. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Sup. Leix abstained. 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 from an Iowa study on 60-90" row corn yields and biomass, and an article about carbon banking. Mr. Anding shared a report about loss of topsoil and use of no-till. Discussion of conversion of pasture to cropland. Sup. Leix shared the Land Conservation Department's newsletter.		
NRCS update: No update was provided.		
FPP Extension request: Sup. Butteris made a motion to deny the request of Dean Gullickson and issue a notice of non-compliance. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
FPP multiple extension guidance: Sup. Nankee made a motion that any FPP participant requesting a second extension must appear before the Committee in person. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Blackhawk Lake Commission: update, operations agreement, and dam fund resolution draft: The documents were emailed but not received and therefore not on the Commission's agenda. They confirmed receipt of hard copies that were recently delivered, and will have them on the next agenda.		
Farmer Award nominations: the Committee suggested also inviting the 2020 award winners to this year's Farmer's Appreciation Day. Mr. Bunker made a motion to award Bob McCarthy the Conservation Farmer of the Year Award for 2021. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Nankee made a motion to award Len Olson the Friend of Conservation Award for 2021. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Benish made a motion to award Mark Steffes the Water Quality and Wildlife Award for 2021. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion of some farmers' reluctance to be nominated.		

Cost-share project approvals: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the list of cost-share projects. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Land Conservation Department updates:

- a) **UWEX's Clean Sweep grant for 2022:** Ms. Abbott reported that UW-Extension is applying for a Clean Sweep grant for fall of 2022; Iowa, Lafayette, and Grant Counties will be working together again and each County has pledged cash match for the grant.
- b) **Carbon credits:** Ms. Abbott provided an update and two articles about current carbon credit challenges.
- c) **Conservation Reserve Program:** Ms. Abbott reported about the CRP rate and acreage increases.
- d) **FPP extension fee:** Ms. Abbott relayed information from DATCP about options and challenges with charging additional fees. The Committee asked that Mr. Baumgartner track his time spent on extensions and compliance, and Ms. Abbott will seek advice from Corp. Counsel.

Agenda items for future meetings: TP7 Contractor selection, Blackhawk Lake operations agreement and resolution

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday June 16, 2021 at 1:00pm. Sup. Benish made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:08pm.