

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday July 21, 2021 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533 Remote attendance option: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81674940715 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 816 7494 0715	Iowa County Wisconsin
Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Don Leix at 1:00pm		
Roll Call. Members present: Rod Anding (via Zoom), Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Don Leix, and Dan Nankee. Excused: Dave Gollon Absent: Jason James Others present: Katie Abbott, Dave Morzenti, Andy Skwor, Landon Baumgartner (via zoom), Scott Godfrey (via zoom), Kelli Neitzel (via zoom), Ken Schulz (via zoom)		
Approve the agenda for this July 21, 2021 meeting: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve this July 21, 2021 agenda. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Approve the minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the June 16, 2021 minutes. Sup. Butteris 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 shared information on the FFA alumni brat feed, LCD precision cropping event, a poem about farms going out of business, and the report from Kewaunee County on groundwater contamination from livestock. Sup. Leix discussed the Badger Hollow solar farm soil and runoff issues. Sup. Butteris asked about the Farmers Appreciation Day awards presentation.		
NRCS update: No update was provided.		
Manure storage ordinance variance request: Discussion re: plans, size, DNR review, and availability of land to spread. Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the variance request. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Consider manure storage ordinance draft revisions: Discussion of new language, nonconforming structures, and technical standards. Next steps include a public hearing and stakeholder input. Sup. Benish made a motion to amend Section 1-9(4) to include at the end “unless a variance is granted.” Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Benish made a motion to send the revised ordinance to the Planning & Zoning Committee. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Discussion of getting signatures on new operations agreement. Sup. Leix reported that the Commission would like to have a joint meeting in August with a potluck. The park continues to have a successful year.		
Birch Lake dam repairs contractor selection: Ms. Abbott reported that no bids were received, and suggested the Municipal Dam Grant be cancelled and only the valve replacement completed this year, with County funds. The wave berm repair can be cancelled and the toe drain repair delayed. Sup. Benish made a motion to cancel the DNR grant and move forward with the valve project. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion.		

FPP Extension requests/notices of non-compliance: Mr. Schulz explained his reasons for the extension request and missing soil tests. Sup. Nankee made a motion to extend the deadline to December 1, 2021. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Sup. Benish voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Sup. Butteris made a motion to send a Notice of Noncompliance to Cashton Laufenberg. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion of making sure the landowner understands the consequences of losing the tax credit.

FPP Extension Policy review: Discussion of options for enforcing compliance schedules that fall within the existing policy. The Committee agreed by consensus that they would approve lists of Notices of Noncompliance at Committee meetings and no longer accept requests to extend compliance schedules.

CREP landowner management plan approval: Ms. Abbott presented CREP plan amendments for Robert and Leotta Ley (agreements 1903 and 1124-0). Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the plans for both CREP agreements. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

- a) Invasive species coalition: the coalition's coordinator had provided the budget for their 2-year, \$20,000 grant
- b) State budget: the approved state budget included a one-time increase to County Conservation staffing grants. Ms. Abbott estimated this would result in about \$15,000 more for staff and she would like to use it to increase capacity.
- c) Future dam maintenance and inspections: Ms. Abbott shared a notice sent by NRCS that they would no longer support inspections or repair design on seven of the County's dams, with an estimated increase in costs of about \$9,000 per year. Discussion of contacting representatives.

Agenda items for future meetings: 2022 LCD Budget Proposal

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday August 18, 2021 likely at 5:00pm at Blackhawk Lake, depending on the Blackhawk Lake Commission schedule. Mr. Bunker made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm.