

APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday October 27, 2021 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533

Iowa County Wisconsin

Remote attendance option: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87862449550 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 878 6244 9550

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Gollon at 1:00pm

Roll Call. Members present: Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Dave Gollon, Don Leix, and Dan Nankee. Absent: Jason James Others present: Katie Abbott, Landon Baumgartner (via zoom), Dave Terrall, Al Jewell

Approve the agenda for this October 27, 2021 meeting: Sup. Butteris made a motion to approve this October 27, 2021 agenda. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the September 22, 2021 meeting: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the September 22, 2021 minutes. Mr. Bunker 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 recognized the service of former committee member Rod Anding. Discussion of at-large and FSA positions on the Committee. The Committee observed a moment of silence for Larry Steffes at the recommendation of Mr. Bunker.

NRCS update: Ms. Abbott shared the announcement provided by Andy Walsh regarding the November 19, 2021 and May 20, 2022 EOIP signup deadlines.

Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program: Approval of 2022 budget and 2021 crop prices-Dave Terrall (USDA Wildlife Services): Mr. Terrall described the program and 2022 budget proposal. Sup. Benish moved to approve the 2022 budget. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion of 2021 crop prices and harvest date. Sup. Butteris made a motion to accept the 2021 crop prices as proposed. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Nankee made a motion to set the 90% harvest date for December 15. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Appeal of Notice of Noncompliance by Al Jewell: Mr. Jewell provided a handout and information on his plans. Discussion of possible solution and timeline. The NON can be cancelled if the storage repurpose is completed by the end of the year. The repurpose will require a permit and technical review.

Birch Lake update: valve repair, possible update from FOBLA/Doug Carden: Mr. Carden was not available and plans to provide an update at the November meeting. Ms. Abbott gave an update on the valve repair and plans for accomplishing the repair next year. Sup. Leix moved to direct the LCD to approach Jewell Engineering about being the consulting engineer for the project. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Sup. Gollon abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Consider Upper Sugar River Watershed Association (USRWA) proposal for regional invasive species coordination (year 2): Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the agreement and use of DNR funding. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Blackhawk Lake Commission update: The park has several projects in progress or planned, including electrical site upgrades, shower house improvements, and parking lot seal coating.

Approval of cost-share transfer: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the transfer of SEG Funds from Richland to Iowa County. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consider approval of CREP management plan update for Bob Ley: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the updated plan. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion of possible fee for FPP appeals: Sup. Gollon discussed need to cover time of LCD staff to follow up on noncompliance issues, and possible fee options. Discussion of past NONs and fee information from DATCP. Ms. Abbott will check with Corp. Counsel and get back to the Committee.

Land Conservation Department update: 2022 Budget update: Ms. Abbott provided an update on expense cuts and fee increases in the 2022 budget proposal that occurred after the last LCC Meeting.

Agenda items for future meetings: FOBLA update, FPP NON, FPP appeals fee, NMP implementation issues

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday November 17, 2021 at 1:00pm. Mr. Bunker made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.