

APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday November 17, 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/82971644124 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 829 7164 4124

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Gollon at 1:02pm

Roll Call. Members present: Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Dave Gollon, Jason James (via zoom), Don Leix, Dan Nankee. Others present: Katie Abbott, Landon Baumgartner (via zoom), Dave Morzenti, Mary Jean and Ralph James

Approve the agenda for this November 17, 2021 meeting: Mr. Bunker made a motion to approve this November 17, 2021 agenda. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the October 27, 2021 meeting: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the October 27, 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 reported that Sup. Benish received the Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellowship award, provided notices about the Dept. of Revenue WI Farm Support Grant and FSA ARC/PLC sign-up, shared an article about research on COVID-19 effects on deer and livestock, and shared an article about alfalfa pellets used for fish food.

NRCS update: None provided

Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Sup. Benish reported that the park continues to do well, and they are still working on electrical upgrades.

Birch Lake dredging update from Friends of Birch Lake-Doug Carden: Mr. Carden described the completion of the dredging and accessible boat launch, and presented diagrams and photos. The Committee asked questions and congratulated Mr. Carden.

Discussion of FPP fee for appeals or compliance enforcement: Mr. Moreznti provided a memo with recommendations. Discussion of fee options, challenges, communication, and minimizing staff and Committee time on NONs. The Committee will review the memo and discuss again at the next meeting.

Approve Farmland Preservation Program Notices of Non-Compliance: Mr. Baumgartner provided background on the compliance issues.

Sup. Benish made a motion to issue a Notice of Noncompliance for Bruce and Kevin Nelson et al. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sup. Benish made a motion to issue a Notice of Noncompliance for Roy Better. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Discussion of NMP compliance issues. Motion carried.

Mrs. James provided background on their compliance issues and efforts to address them. Sup. Benish made a motion to issue the Notice of Noncompliance, with the understanding the NON can be reversed if compliance is achieved by the end of the year. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Sup. Leix voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Cost share project approvals: Sup. Leix made a motion to approve the list of projects. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Land Conservation Department update:

- **A)** Valve repair progress: Ms. Abbott provided an update on the progress of plans and approvals for completing the repair in 2022.
- B) Plans for addressing issues with basic nutrient and soil best management practices: Ms. Abbot and Mr. Baumgartner provided an update on plans for addressing nutrient and soil compliance issues using communication and existing policies.

Agenda items for future meetings: FPP appeals fee, FPP NONs

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday December 22, 2021 at 1:00 PM. Sup. Leix made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.