



**APPROVED MINUTES
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, February 9, 2017 – 3:00 P.M.
HHS Building Room #1001
303 W. Chapel St.
Dodgeville, WI 53533**

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Wisconsin**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bunker at 3:00 P.M.

Roll Call, Approval of this Agenda and Approval of the Minutes of December 15th, 2016 and January 26th, 2017.

Members present: Bob Bunker, Greg Parman, Dan Nankee, Dave Gollon, and Carol Anderson. Members absent: Dave Ladd and Rod Anding. Others present: Larry Bierke, Andy Walsh, Rob Hemling, Dave Terrell, and Len Olson. Sup. Nankee made a motion to approve the agenda for this February 9th, 2017 meeting. Sup. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Nankee made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15th, 2016 meeting. Sup. Parman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Parman made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26th, 2017 meeting. Sup. Anderson 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. Anderson requested that a Blackhawk Lake update be included on the April LCC agenda. Sup. Anderson reported on an incident at the Blackhawk Lake campground in which raw sewage from a RV vehicle was dumped at a campsite. This incident indicates the need for county regulations related to waste water discharge as enforcement is limited with current rules. The topic will be put on the LCC agenda for April.

APHIS Claim Approval and Harvest Waivers.

2016 Claim Summary for Iowa County Wildlife Damage Program is on file in LCD. Dave Terrell (APHIS) was present to discuss the 2016 Wildlife Damage Claims request. Three individuals would need deer harvest waiver exemptions. Motion by Sup. Parman to approve three (3) harvest waiver exemption claims: Jerod Meyers, Matt Limmex and Marty Limmex. Second by Sup. Nankee. Motion carried. Motion by Sup. Anderson and second by Sup. Nankee to approve the claims. Motion carried.

LCD Goals and Objectives.

Discussion by Larry Bierke and the LCC regarding the following goals for the LCD and factors to look at hiring a County Conservationist.

- Goals to maintain or increase DATCP funding.
- Increase outreach. Pamphlets and electronic.
- Communication – Work with other departments. Strengthen / external and internal.
- Take down silos
- Other Grant opportunities – New programs.
- Familiar and experience in Land Conservation or counties.
- Positive outlook.
- Develop a measurement of success.
- More in-field work by staff.
- Use carrot and stick approach.
- Goal of County Conservationist to field visits.
- More CAOFO's in the future to work with.

NRCS Update.

Andy Walsh presented and indicated that recent EQIP approvals resulted in 34 contracts for \$275,000. In March there will be additional approvals for EQIP.

LCD Staffing Update and Discussion.

Larry Bierke was present to discuss filling the County Conservationist position. Currently in the process of developing candidate questions. Chairman Bob Bunker was asked to participate in interviews.

River's Grant and Save the Lake Update.

Rob Hemling reported that we have not yet been notified of a grant approval by the DNR.

Farmland Preservation Report (FPP) Self Certification Report and Update.

Len Olson reported that 708 of the 2016 self-certification forms have been returned for a total of \$14,170 in filing fees. Approximately 23 participants have not returned.

Discussion of Mineral Point Extraterritorial Zoning and FPP participants.

A joint letter with Planning and Development will be sent to participants impacted.

LWRM Cost Share Update.

Rob Hemling reported on LWRM grants paid out in 2016 for a total of \$122,302 and CREP contracts processed in 2016 totaled \$182,152.

Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) Cost Share Rate Adjustment.

Len Olson and Rob Hemling reported that DATCP NMP cost-sharing rates will be increased from \$28 per acre currently to \$40. Iowa County has been paying \$8 per acre. The proposal is to increase cost-sharing for NMP in Iowa County to \$12, \$16 or \$20 per acre or leave at current \$8 per acre.

Motion by Sup. Parman to increase cost share rate to \$12 per acre. Second by Sup. Nankee. Motion carried.

LCC Awards.

Motion to approve the following award winners by Sup. Nankee. Second by Sup. Parman. Motion carried.

Alan Kolb, Moscow Township – Conservation Farmer of the Year

Paul Lawinger, Dodgeville Township – Water Quality Leadership

Mike Crook, Ridgeway – Wildlife Habitat (Private)

Avoca Rod & Gun Club – Wildlife Habitat (Club)

Tree Farmer – will be chosen by DNR

SW Badger RC&D Update.

Bill Grover was present to discuss SW Badger RC&D activities and annual membership fees.

Discussion of previous payments have been made based on budgets.

Nine (9) counties were asked for \$2,500 each. Bill Grover indicated that the previous payment was \$1,700 with a reduction due to housing of the grazing specialist.

Sup. Gollon made the motion to forward to the Administrator for payment in the amount that was budgeted. Second by Sup. Parman. Motion carried.

CREP Update – DATCP Funding Contract Renewal and New Signups.

Len Olson reported that the CREP assistance contract was signed by DATCP in December.

110 contracts are up for renewal in 2017 and will result in a large LCD workload in February through May.

Annual WLWCA Conference March 15-17, 2017.

Rob Hemling is going and signed up for registration. Sup. Nankee asked to be registered for the conference.

Other Business.

Discussion that Jason James, Mineral Point, is the new FSA representative on the LCC.

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn.

Motion by Sup. Gollon to set the next LCC meeting for April 13th, 2016 at 3:00 P.M. at the HHS Building, Room 1001, 303 W. Chapel St., Dodgeville. Second by Sup. Parman. Motion carried.