



**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Thursday, April 13, 2017 – 3:00 P.M.**  
**HHS Building Room #1002**  
**303 W. Chapel St.**  
**Dodgeville, WI 53533**

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**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 February 9th, 2017.**

Members present: Bob Bunker, Greg Parman, Daniel Nankee, Dave Gollon, Carol Anderson, Jason James, and Rodney Anding. Members absent: Dave Ladd. Others present: Katie Abbott, Andy Walsh, Laurie Makos, Doug Carden, Al Linschied, Tom Mitchek, and Len Olson. Sup. Nankee made a motion to approve the agenda for this April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting. Sup. Parman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Sup. Parman moved to bring #6 agenda item County Conservationist position update forward on the agenda. Sup. Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Sup. Parman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**County Conservationist Update.**

Katie Abbott was introduced and welcomed, and discussed her current job with Driftless Area Land Conservation. Position goes to County Board on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for approval. Start date to be May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No action will be taken.**

Sup. Nankee reported on attending the legislative hearing at UW Platteville on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. \$1.8 million was designated in the governor's budget and for Land Conservation to be restored, \$1.9 million was wanted. The public hearing request was forwarded to State Representative Novak.

WI Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year Field Day is August 25<sup>th</sup> when award is presented to Lafayette County producer.

**Ordinance/Resolution related to waste water disposal at Blackhawk Lake.**

Al Linschied and Tom Mitchek, Park Manager, were present to discuss the need for county regulation related to waste water discharge. The incident related to RV dumping of waste water was discussed. Motion by Sup. Gollon to establish an ordinance for all waste water including gray water must be disposed of properly in a Blackhawk Lake approved facility and is contingent upon DNR or Sherriff Department enforcement, and is subject to approval by Corporate Counsel. Seconded by Sup. Parman. Motion carried.

Motion by Sup. Anderson to request that Blackhawk Lake bring an updated set of rules to the LCC prior to December 31, 2017. Seconded by Sup. Nankee. Motion carried. The topic will be put on the June agenda.

**NRCS Update.**

Andy Walsh did 142 CRP site visits in the last 2.5 months for contracts set to expire 9/30/2017.

Discussion of CREP sign up and requests. CRP contracts will begin. EQIP signup #1, 35 contracts, \$255,949 and signup #2, 7 contracts, \$32,971.

**2018 Joint DATCP/DNR Nonpoint Source Grant Application.**

Len Olson discussed that the 2018 grant application was forwarded to WI DATCP and included \$156,521 in staffing requests, \$65,000 in practice cost-sharing funds and \$30,000 in NMP cost-share funds.

**2017 Annual Work Plan and 2016 DATCP Annual Report.**

Len Olson reported that a required WI DATCP annual work plan and 2016 report was forwarded to WI DATCP.

**Rivers Grant and Save the Lake Update.**

Len discussed that the LCD received a \$10,000 grant from DNR for a feasibility study to remove TP #7 (Birch Lake Dam). The grant is 75% cost-sharing to a maximum of \$10,000. A project timeline proposed by the LCC is to not award a contract for the study proposal until after the July County Board meeting and that the county administrator should award the contract.

Doug Carden distributed a handout. Doug indicated that \$60,000 had been raised and the goal is \$100,000 by July 1<sup>st</sup> and \$170,000 by November.

**Farmland Preservation Report (FPP) Update.**

Len reported that three (3) FPP participants with Certificates of Compliance failed to self-certify and pay the \$20 filing fee.

Motion by Sup. Anderson to issue Notice of Non-Compliance (NON) to these participants after 2017 self-certification forms are sent in October, 2017 and if they fail to return the self-certification and pay the filing fee. Seconded by Sup. Parman. Motion carried.

It was discussed that in the future, December 15<sup>th</sup> should be a deadline date and then issue Notice of Non-Compliance.

**LWRM Cost Share Update.**

Len reported that we have requested payment of funds from WI DATCP and are waited for approval from WI DATCP prior to writing cost-share contracts.

**CREP Update.**

Expiring CREP contracts may be on hold for renewing due to national CRP cap.

**Other Business.** Len Olson discussed the payments made to APHIS and the DNR request for reimbursement.

**Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn.**

Motion by Sup. Parman to set the next LCC meeting for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:00pm at the HHS Building, Room 1001, 303 W. Chapel St., Dodgeville. Second by Sup. Gollon. Motion carried.