

	<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 5:00 PM Blackhawk Lake Recreation Area 2025 County Highway BH Highland, WI 53543</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Iowa County Wisconsin</p>
<p>Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bunker at 5:00 P.M.</p>		
<p>Roll Call, Approval of this Agenda and Approval of the Minutes of April 13th, 2017. Members present: Carol Anderson, Rodney Anding, Bob Bunker, Dave Gollon, Daniel Nankee, and Greg Parman. Members absent: Tom McGraw and Jason James. Others present: Ron Benish, Katie Abbott, Larry Bierke, and Andy Walsh. Sup. Parman made a motion to approve the agenda for this August 10th, 2017 meeting. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20th, 2017 meeting. Mr. Anding seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>		
<p>Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No action will be taken. Sup. Nankee requested more information on the Blackhawk Lake fish populations and presented newspaper articles about WI fish farms and the cricket frog. Discussion of the challenges cricket frogs present in causing more expense and delay in stream-related projects.</p>		
<p>NRCS Update. Andy Walsh provided updates: Pheasants Forever's Farm Bill Biologist Marty Moses, who works out of the Dodgeville NRCS office, has taken a new position as the Pheasants Forever State Director, effective August 28th. The vacancy announcement to backfill his position is open through August 16th. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) applications for the 2018 Signup are due no later than October 20th, 2017. Over 120 different conservation practices are offered for 2018.</p>		
<p>2018 LCD Budget: Katie Abbott presented her proposal for the 2018 LCD budget. Discussion of the need for the Land Conservationist/Planner position to be filled full-time, and the costs associated with that. The Department Assistant positions will be reduced to offset some of the expenses. Costs will increase without staffing increase due to health care costs if new hires have family health/dental care. The Committee agreed that the cost of the Birch Lake Dam Removal Feasibility Study should come out of a different fund than the LCD budget. Discussion of opportunities to save money or increase revenue, and potential for increased DATCP funding for staff.</p>		
<p>Land Conservation Department Update. Katie Abbott gave an update on Department activities, including FPP status review, CREP, and cost-sharing projects. She called the DNR and Inter-Fluve about the change in the Birch Lake Dam Removal Feasibility Study timeline. The River Planning grant can be extended through June 30, 2018.</p>		
<p>Cobb-Highland Annual Report: Dan Welsh, Blackhawk Lake Park Manager, presented the annual report, including a list of recent improvements and financial statements. The 2016 audit was complete, found no issues, and will be presented to the Executive Committee. Parking sticker sales increased this year. The park may increase their rates as they have not increased since 2011. For 2018 they are looking at upgrading playground equipment and working with DNR to get approval to build another cabin. Sup. Parman moved to approve the Annual Report. Sup. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>		
<p>Agenda items for future meetings: 2018 Budget, Policies, and Fee Schedule</p>		
<p>Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next LCC meeting was set by consensus for Monday September 18 at 5pm. Motion by Sup. Parman to adjourn. Seconded by Sup. Nankee. Motion carried.</p>		