



APPROVED MINUTES
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, February 11, 2016 – 1:00 P.M.
Land Conservation Office Conference Room
Dodgeville, WI 53533

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1	Meeting were called to order by Chair Bob Bunker at 1:00 P.M.
2-4	Roll Call, Approval of this Agenda and Approval of the Minutes of October 8th, 2015. Members present: Bob Bunker, Roger Dax, Dan Nankee, Ron Benish, Carol Anderson, Dave Ladd, and Greg Parman. Others present: Jim McCaulley, Debi Finkelmeyer, Andy Walsh, Len Olson, Dave Tarrell, John Meyers and Patti Jackson-Kelly. Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the agenda of the February 12th, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Sup. Parman. Motion carried. Motion by Sup. Benish to approve the minutes of the December 3rd, 2015 meeting. Sup. Parman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5	Comments or reports from the audience or committee members. No comments.
6	APHIS Claims and Harvest Waivers. Dave Tarrell presented the claims this year with a total payable loss of \$14,958.58. There were no waivers in 2015. Sup. Parman made a motion to accept the claims in 2015. Sup. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7	Farmland Preservation Program Update. Len Olson presented the report to the Committee members. Olson reported that 619 participants certified and paid the filing fee totaling \$12,750.00. He also reported that the WI Department of Revenue is asking that we assign a unique number to all participants receiving a Certificate of Compliance. Olson presented 56 Notice of Noncompliance certificates that will be sent to those participants with a letter explaining their right to a hearing before the Notice of Noncompliance is sent to the Department of Revenue. The Notice of Noncompliance and letter will be sent to all landowners March 15, 2016 with a 2 weeks' notice to respond to our office. Sup. Anderson made a motion to accept the Notice of Noncompliance forms and Sup. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chair Bunker will sign off on all the Notice of Noncompliance forms. McCaulley requested the ability to sign the Certificates of Compliance being issued to participants to expedite the process for our landowners. Sup. Parman made a motion to allow McCaulley to sign Certificates of Compliance and if McCaulley is out, Olson can sign. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8	Transcendent Technologies for Farmland Preservation. McCaulley asked the committee to consider Transcendent Technologies or other options for the LCD to manage their Farmland Preservation Program. Sup. Parman made a motion for the LCD to spend up to a maximum of \$12,000.00 to install a software program to help manage the FPP. Sup. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
9	LWRM Program Update. Hemling reported that we have \$32,500.00 available in bond funds for cost-sharing in 2016 some will be spent helping landowners install manure storage units. There are 5 people on the waiting list and we are allotting \$20,000.00 per storage unit. We will be requesting more money from counties who don't utilize all their bond funds. We have \$45,000.00 available for NMP's and have already contracted approximately \$18,000.00 of that money.
10	WLWCA 2016 Membership Dues. McCaulley reported that 2016 dues will be \$1,365.00. This is approved in the 2016 budget, no action

	was taken.
11	WLWCA Annual Conference. The conference will be held March 2 nd -4 th in Elkhart Lake. 3 staff members will be attending. McCaulley asked if any of the supervisors would like to attend. Sup. Parman is considering.
12	Southern Area Association Tour Update. McCaulley reported that due to some of the requirements of Cummins for a tour that we decided to take them off the tour stop. The morning will now consist of going to Pendarvis in Mineral Point with lunch provided by the Iowa County Cattleman and tour stops of Gollon Bait Fish Farm and Grandview in the afternoon.
13	UW-Madison Survey on Water Quality and Weather. McCaulley reported that we received a survey from UW-Madison asking for the LCD Office to take a survey on both water quality and weather. McCaulley will participate on behalf of Iowa County.
14	Co-Location Survey. McCaulley reported that an informal survey was taken to see how many landowners utilize more than one office while in the USDA building. He reported that approximately 50% use more than one office.
15	NRCS Update. Patti Jackson-Kelly gave the Committee a handout with 2015 Financial Assistance Program Obligations. The Dodgeville Field Office obligation was \$342,361.00. Jackson-Kelly also reported that 2015 was the last year to receive DALCI funds as it was a 5-year program. She mentioned that the EQIP batching date is March 4 th . There was also discussion about putting together a local newsletter between NRCS, FSA & the LCD offices as there has been a demand for it again.
16	Other Business. McCaulley reported that the LCD Office is working with the IT department to install Wi-Fi in our building as a convenience to our landowners. The LWRM Plan is missing some of the basin information and it will be added as an appendix at the end of the plan. McCaulley also reported that DATCP is now requiring the offices to do an annual work plan in addition to the 10 year LWRM Plan to apply for grant money. This annual plan & grant application will be done before April 15 th , 2016.
17	Motion to Set the Next Meeting Date and Adjourn. The next meeting will be on Thursday April 14 th , 2016 at 1:00 P.M. at the Iowa County Land Conservation Office Conference Room. Sup. Parman made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.