



UNAPPROVED MINUTES
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, April 14, 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, and Dave Ladd. Members absent: Greg Parman. Others present: Jim McCaulley, Debi Finkelmeyer, Marie Raboin, Len Olson, Matt Allen, Rob Hemling and Mike Peterson. Sup. Dax made a motion to approve the agenda of the April 14th, 2016 meeting. Sup. Benish asked to amend the agenda by moving item #15 after item #7. We moved to item #15 after item #8. Seconded by Sup. Benish. Motion carried. Motion by Sup. Dax to approve the minutes of the February 11th, 2016 meeting. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5	Comments or reports from the audience or committee members. No comments.
6	NRCS Update. Marie Raboin noted that NRCS has another EQIP cover crop and Monarch initiative sign up where applications are due June 10 th , 2016. The general EQIP sign up applications will be due early September.
7	Farmland Preservation Program Update. Len Olson presented the report to the Committee members. Olson reported that 654 participants remain as active FPP participants. Six individuals have shown interest in becoming new participants and are working toward a NMP. Approximately 533 Certificates of Compliance have been issued to date. Many certificates have been revised and updated during tax season. Approximately 121 participants are working toward a NMP and need to be in full compliance by the end of the year. There were 8 Notice of Non-Compliance forms acted on and signed by the LCC. There were 44 Notice of Non-Compliance forms approved at the February LCC meeting that will be forwarded to the WI Dept. of Revenue. Sup. Anderson made a motion to accept item #1, 2, and 3 of Olson's report. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8	Farmland Preservation Program Software Update. McCaulley reported to the committee that the proposal was presented to the ASC Committee and it was approved. It will move on to the County Board on Tuesday April 19, 2016.
9	Village of Barneveld Request. Mike Peterson was there to represent the Village of Barneveld. A letter was sent to the Iowa County Board of Supervisors where the Village of Barneveld Board met and made a motion requesting the release of the easement with the Department of Natural Resources for the ball park area and shelters at Birch Lake Park. The motion carried. There was also a motion stating the Village has no interest in owning the Birch Lake Dam. The motion carried. Sup. Anderson made a motion to release the land for the park area contingent on the DNR giving a perpetual easement to the Village for their park in the future. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.
10	LWRM Cost-Share Update. Hemling reported current NMP & LWRM projects for approval and asked if the LCD could contact landowners currently working on their NMP's to offer cost-share dollars. Sup. Dax made a motion to accept the projects and ok'd calling landowners working on their NMP's. Sup. Anderson seconded the

	motion. Sup. Nankee abstained from the vote.
11	CREP Update. McCaulley reported to the committee that due to the opportunities being offered on CREP the acres for this year have been used up. McCaulley mentioned there are many CREP contracts coming up for renewal in the next couple of years which could potentially be a big workload for the LCD.
12	DNR Wildlife Survey & Farmer Led Watershed Group Support. McCaulley reported that the LCD has agreed to support and offer 18 hours of staff time to the Farmer-Led Watershed Group being formed in Iowa County in the Meudt-Creek-Mill-Creek and Lower Creek HUC 12 watersheds.
13	Blackhawk Lake-Cobb-Highland Commission Audit. McCaulley reported that the audit looked good and it was talked about at the ASC meeting.
14	PI-566 Letter & Request to NRCS. McCaulley reported he submitted a letter on behalf of the LCD requesting assistance for engineering of the dams as the 50 year NRCS agreement has come to an end.
15	Dam Hazard Ratings. McCaulley reported that he submitted a request to the DNR on March 16, 2016 to re-assign the hazard rating. On March 25 th we received confirmation the hazard rating has been reduced to “low” on Twin Parks 8, 9 & 10.
16	Summer Vehicle. McCaulley reported that the LCD will only be doing 84 visits this summer and has requested using a car from the Sheriff’s Department. The Committee asked Jim to double check all other options before using the Sheriff’s car.
17	2017 DATCP Grant Application & Annual Workload. McCaulley shared the 2017 DATCP Grant Application submitted and he requested \$148,000.00 for staff & support and \$89,000.00 for cost-share funds. Sup. Benish made a motion to accept the grant application and Sup. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.
18	2016 LCC Conservation Awards. McCaulley presented the candidates for awards in 2016. Sup. Nankee made a motion to accept Finkelmeyer Farms as Conservation Farmer of the Year, Rodney Anding as Water Quality Leadership, Dr. Gary Grunow as the Wildlife Habitat (Private), Pecatonica Education Charitable Foundation as the Wildlife Habitat (Club) and the DNR forester’s recommendation for the Tree Farmer. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.
19	Southern Area Association Tour Update. Finkelmeyer presented the itinerary for the day and registration form.
20	Other Business. None
21	Motion to Set the Next Meeting Date and Adjourn. The next meeting will be on Thursday June 9th, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. at the Iowa County Land Conservation Office Conference Room. Sup. Benish made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sup. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.