



**UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, April 9**

**4:00 PM**

**Iowa County Land Conservation Conference Room  
Dodgeville, Wisconsin 53533**

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| 1  | <b>Meeting was called to order by Chair Bunker at 4:00 PM.</b>  |
| 2  | <b>Roll Call:</b> Member present: R. Benish, B. Bunker, D. Nankee, G. Parman, C.L. Anderson Excused: D. Ladd, R. Dax<br>Others present: R. Hemling, S. Marr, J. McCaulley, J. Meyers, A. Walsh, B. Paull, C. Kephart  |
| 3  | <b>Approve agenda for this meeting.</b><br>Sup. Benish moved to approve the agenda for this April 10, 2015 meeting. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Approved   |
| 4  | <b>Approve minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting.</b><br>Sup. Nankee requested adding the names to Structures 7 and 8 in the notes. Sup. Benish moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting with the names added. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Approved  |
| 5  | <b>Comments or reports from the audience or committee members.</b><br>Sup. Benish asked if the Black Hawk Lake Operations Agreement had been redone. Sup. Anderson stated that it is needed soon and especially the insurance information as Black Hawk needs to renew the insurance no later than May 15 <sup>th</sup> . Sup. Nankee discussed actions from Ag Day which he attended.  |
| 6  | <b>NRCS Update</b><br>Andy Walsh shared that a Soil Conservation Technician vacancy has been posted and closed on 4/7/15. He hopes to have a panel to review the applicants by the end of the month. Also, May 15 <sup>th</sup> is the targeted signup for the Driftless Area Landscape Conservation Initiative which is primarily focused on the restoration of Class II trout streams. Lands draining to the Pecatonica and Wisconsin rivers are eligible. June 5 <sup>th</sup> is the statewide Cover Crop signup deadline and also the Upper Midwest Honeybee Pollinator Habitat signup deadline. Approved. |
| 7  | <b>Questions/Comments Regarding the March LCC Update</b><br>Sup. Anderson discussed our plans of rewriting the LWRM Big Plan and suggested we use Lafayette County's as a guide as they made great use of maps/charts. J. McCaulley stated the \$6000+/- unbudgeted cost of having it done with the SWRPC.  |
| 8  | <b>LCD/LCC Annual Report</b><br>J. McCaulley shared the new report and announced changes/additions that have been made. Also passed around a summary of the LCD's ROI of \$11.75:1. Sup. Benish motioned to approve. Sup. Parman seconded the motion. Approved.   |
| 9  | <b>LCC Awards</b><br>J. McCaulley read recommendations. Conservation Farmer of the Year-Moyer Farms. Water Quality Leadership-Bill Hanson Family. Wildlife Habitat (Private) - Brett Peterson Family. Wildlife Habitat (Club) - Bethel horizons. Tree Farmer-Brad and Barb Glass. Sup. Parman motioned to approve. Sup. Anderson seconded the motion. Approved.   |
| 10 | <b>CAFO Update</b><br>J. McCaulley spoke of Double T & D's proposal in Iowa County.   |

11	<b>Government Budget update and Letter to Joint Finance Committee</b> J. McCaulley handed out an article regarding Scott Walker's proposed budget cutting nearly 16% of program funding dealing with water pollution/runoff. McCaulley also shared the letter to the Joint Finance Committee with signatures needed. Sup. Anderson suggested he strengthen the letter by adding implications for Iowa County and add more State Reps to receive the letter. Also requested John Meyers put on the County Board agenda for endorsement and signatures will be applied at that time. Motion to approve by Sup. Anderson. Seconded by Sup. Nankee. Approved.
12	<b>FPP Update</b> J. McCaulley gave update on 220+/- postcards sent out with 181 back as of today. 159-yes and 22-no regarding the FPP Summer farm visits will focus on those that want to continue in FPP but need an NMP.
13	<b>Summer Vehicle</b> J. McCaulley has requested a vehicle rental from the Highway Department starting May 1 <sup>st</sup> .
14	<b>Office Move Update</b> J. McCaulley received a bid from Hollandale Freight for \$500 to \$800 for the move. Adm. Kephart approved that amount. Storage shed will be moved by the Highway Department.
15	<b>DATCP 2016 Grant Application</b> J. McCaulley summarized funds needed to run operations. Administrator Kephart signed off on the amounts of \$60,000 bondable and \$64,000 NMP. Motion to approve by Sup. Parman. Seconded by Sup. Benish. Approved.
16	<b>Birch Lake/Iowa County and Barneveld Operations Agreement</b> J. McCaulley, C. Kephart and Assistant DA M. Allen are working on Iowa County being taken off as a permittee. No Action.
17	<b>Future of PL566 Structures located on DNR Lands</b> A recommendation was made for Iowa County to give the 6 dams on DNR property to the DNR. The map shared by J. McCaulley will be presented to the County Board. Motion to approve and send to the County Board for action by Sup. Anderson. Seconded by Sup. Benish. Approved.
18	<b>Other</b> R. Hemling gave an LWRM update. Shared numbers for LWRMs and NMPs. Sup. Anderson shared that Black Hawk Lake Operations Agreement needs to be taken care of ASAP- Insureds info needed by May 15 <sup>th</sup> . Also shared preliminary plans for new shower/bathroom building and cabin(s) at BHL.
19	<b>Next Meeting and Adjournment</b> The next meeting will be Thursday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 at 9:00 am in the new building. Sup. Benish moved, Sup. Parman seconded adjournment. Approved
	Notes by Shannon E. Marr