

FRIDAY AUGUST 9, 2013

State of Wisconsin County of Iowa	Minutes of the LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY, August 8, 2013 6:00 P.M. Blackhawk Lake Park Shelter Highland, Wisconsin	2013-04
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Item		
1)	The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.	Call to Order
2)	a) Consent Agenda. b) Roll Call – Members Present at roll call – Bob Bunker, Roger Dax, Ron Benish, Greg Parman (Dan Nankee and John Meyers were present later). c) Approval of this Agenda. Motion by Ron Benish seconded by Roger Dax. Motion Carried. d) Approval of the minutes of the June 13, 2013 meeting. Motion by Greg Parman second by Roger Dax to approve the minutes. Motion Carried. <u>Others present:</u> Jim McCaulley, Debra Finkelmeyer, Andy Walsh, Mark Palan, Howard Fritsch, Gene Schriefer, Russell Zingg, Larry Stenner, Susan Washa, Laura Daniels, Daniel Adams, and Richard Cates.	Consent Agenda
3)	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. It was stated again to the members of the audience that they need to contact a Land Conservation Committee member to be added to the agenda for any action items.	Public Comment
4)	Cates Nomination for Leopold Conservation Award. The Land Conservation Committee was asked to take the lead in making the nomination. Roger Dax made a motion to draft a letter of nomination on behalf of the LCC Committee. Ron Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.	Action
5)	Municipalities Official Update. Susan Washa, Council Member from Village of Highland reported that the new selection for members would be for them to submit a letter of interest to the clerk and the selection would be made for the Cobb-Highland Commission with 2 township members and 2 village members. Russell Zingg, Council Member from the Village of Cobb was present and reported they will not change the process for how they select members. Larry Stenner, Council Member gave a report from the Town of Eden. No one was present to give an official report for Town of Highland.	FYI Only
6)	Draft Resolution Modification Wisconsin State Statutes Section 710-Foreign Land Ownership. Ron Benish made a motion to present this resolution to the Iowa County Board of Supervisors. Roger Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.	Action
7)	PL-566 Matrix and Fish Barrier Request. A matrix was prepared of all 12 dams which gives an overall update of conditions, etc. Greg Parman made a motion to approve the fish barrier request to be put on Twin Parks #6, Murphy's on Loves Creek. Dave Ladd seconded the motion. Motion carried.	FYI/Action
8)	Soil Erosion Article and Complaint Follow-Up. Gene Schriefer and Jim McCaulley posted an article on July 11, 2013 in regards to soil erosion. All complaints to the Land Conservation Department were addressed and followed up on. There is cost-sharing available for Grassed Waterways, etc.	FYI

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9)	2014 Land Conservation Department Budget and DATCP Allocation. The 2014 Land Conservation Budget was presented to the committee. The effect on levy is estimated to be down 17%. The DATCP preliminary allocation for 2014 projects staff and support funds to be reduced by \$6,000.00, but cost-share dollars to help farmers increased by \$15,000.00. Most of the increase for cost-share dollars will be to help with Nutrient Management Planning. Greg Parman made a motion to approve the 2014 budget and allocation and Roger Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.	FYI/Action
10)	Merge/Move Analysis and Letters. Scott Godfrey and Jim McCaulley prepared an analysis in regards to the Merge/Move issue. The analysis states upfront costs for a Merge/Move would be approximately \$15,000.00-\$19,000.00 with ongoing costs of approximately \$10,000.00-\$12,000.00 annually. Jim McCaulley presented to the committee letters of support to not merge and stay co-located with NRCS. Kathy Pielsticker from DATCP came and spoke on the possible loss of DATCP funds if a Merge/Move were to happen. Ron Benish made a motion to oppose the Merge/Move and Roger Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.	FYI/Action
11)	Letter of Support for Invasive Species Control Grant. Greg Parman made a motion to approve a letter of support to Dan Welsh, Blackhawk Lake Manager to apply for grants. Roger Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.	Action
12)	Fish Crib Issues. Doug Risch was not able to give a report at the meeting. If need be this issue may be moved to the next LCC meeting.	FYI
13)	Cobb-Highland Commission Report. Dan Welsh new park manager at Blackhawk Lake gave the Annual Report and submitted a written copy. Motion made by Greg Parman to receive the Report and seconded by Dave Ladd. Motion carried.	FYI/Action
14)	LWRM Cost-Share Projects. Ron Benish made a motion to approve all cost-share projects and Dan Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried.	Action
15)	NRCS Update. Andy Walsh reviewed the proposed Operational Agreement and solicited input for the Local Work Group.	FYI
16)	Other Business. <u>Summer tour</u> . The summer tour will be in Dane County; however no date has been set yet.	FYI
17)	Set Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment. The next meeting will be held at Land Conservation Conference Room, 8:00 A.M., October 10, 2013.	Action/ Adjournment