

IOWA COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Iowa County Land Conservation Department will hold a public meeting on

Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 9:00 am

or as soon thereafter as possible,

**at the Iowa County Land Conservation Department Conference Room,
138 South Iowa St, Dodgeville WI.**

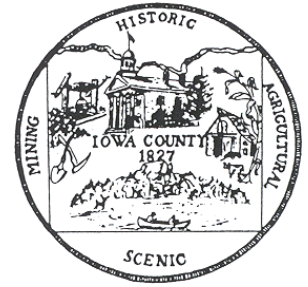
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Certification of Meeting, Agenda and Minutes
3. 2012 Farmer's Appreciation Day Awards
4. PL566 Dams
5. Grassland Broker
6. LCC/LCD Annual Report & Newspaper Ad
7. DATCP Accomplishments Report & Grant
8. County Board Orientation of the LCD/LCC
9. Cost Share Rates for NMP
10. Farm Visits Vehicle (Compliance Checks)
11. 2012 LCD Budget Item – Vehicle
12. CREP Buyout - Retrum/Taylor
13. WLI/FPP Notice of non-compliance forms
14. Blackhawk Lake Update
15. LWRM Project Approvals/Payments
16. USDA/LCD Location Update
17. WALCE Conference
18. LCD Staff Updates
19. Thursday Notes
20. Other Business
21. Comments from Committee Members
22. Set Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

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AGENDA NOTES

2012 Farmer's Appreciation Day Awards [Action](#)

See nomination sheet from LCD/NRCS staff. LCC will have to endorse or offer winners.

PL 566 Dams [Action](#)

Dams wintered well, however, there are beaver behind 2 dams and rubbish had to be removed and a trapper contacted for removal. Recommend that all dams owned be mowed this year.

Grassland Broker [Action](#)

Working with DATCP on the idea of a Grassland Broker to match grass owners with cattle owners, which seems like a natural win situation. Iowa County LCD has offered space to house this person if idea becomes reality (shared office here or Courthouse).

LCC/LCD Annual Report & Newspaper Ad [Action](#)

Please see 2011 Annual Report with the LCD profile sheet. Newspaper ad was put in the Dodgeville Chronicle & Advisor notifying the public that the 2011 Annual Report is a link to the Iowa County web site (using both media to fulfill requirement with DATCP to do an Annual Report. This saved an estimated \$800-\$1,000.

DATCP Accomplishment Report & Grant [FYI](#)

Accomplishments Report and Grant application was sent to DATCP for 2013.

County Board Orientation of the LCD/LCC [FYI](#)

See attachment of LCD profile.

Cost Share Rates for NMP [Action](#)

\$25,000 granted from DATCP to be used for NMP. Quite a few farmers interested, the recommendation is to cost share at \$2.00/ac x 4 yrs which equals \$8/ac. This covers quite a bit of the cost of a NMP, grant goes further to help more farmers, and doesn't enrich anyone (CS rates could be at \$28/ac. At \$8/ac about 3,125 ac covered or an average of 120 acres per farmer = 25-30 farmers helped vs 892 ac or 7-8 farmers @ \$28/ac.)

Farm Visits Vehicle (Compliance Checks) [FYI](#)

A request has been made to use a vehicle from the Sheriff & Highway Departments for WLI compliance visits.

2012 LCD Budget Item – Vehicle Action

2012 LCD budget has an estimated \$20-\$25,000 surplus (80% FTE planner vs. ½ time planner without benefits). With the potential to be moving to Courthouse and not having NRCS vehicle access, can we buy a truck?

CREP Buyout (Lucas) Action

Richard Retrum is requesting to buy out Richard Taylor's CREP contract. The LCD will be eligible for refund.

WLI/FPP Voluntary Notice of Non-Compliance (Lucas) Action

Rather than set up a schedule of compliance, some farmers are opting out.

Blackhawk Lake Update FYI

Maybe a brief report from Ron Benish about any updates.

LWRM Project Approvals/Payments (Lucas) Action

See attached sheets for projects needing approval and reimbursements made to landowners.

USDA/LCD Location Update (Andy) FYI

Ad for office space was placed in the paper for an expression of interest by the USDA for a new lease, but the LCD was not included in the space needs. See copy of advertisement. May reconsider when interest info come back.

EQIP & other NRCS program items.

WALCE Conference FYI

Tammy & Jim attended. WALCE voted to merge with WLWCA, which was the major item. Other professional sessions were attended.

LCD Staff Updates Action

Nomination of Tammy Havlik as Outstanding Employee to Curt Kephart. Other employee issues and concerns.

Thursday Notes FYI

See attached copy

Other Business