Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bunker at 5:34 P.M.

Roll Call, Approval of this Agenda, and Approval of the Minutes of November 21, 2017.

Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No action will be taken.
DNR Forester Tom Hill provided an update. With DNR’s realignment Tom will now focus on State Lands and non-Managed Forest Law (MFL) private lands in Iowa and Grant Counties. This includes Blackhawk Lake, State Parks, fisheries properties, and assisting with CRP or EQIP. Jason Sable will focus on forestland enrolled in MFL.

NRCS Update. Andy Walsh was out on a family emergency so was not able to provide an update.

Birch Lake next steps.
The Friends of Birch Lake dredging proposal was approved at the last County Board meeting. Next steps include approving any Land Use Agreements that are required by DNR. Future discussion is needed regarding long-term plans for all County-owned dams.

Blackhawk Lake Update. Ms. Abbott provided an updated that Sup. Anderson sent via email. At the December Blackhawk Lake Commission meeting they approved the recreation area’s $384,000 operating budget, including new playground equipment and some staff raises. The garage is complete and in use.

Dam Breach Analyses next steps: The DNR provided an extension until August 1, 2019 for the dam breach analyses that will not be completed by NRCS. The LCD will send out a Request for Proposals in 2018 and include the cost in the 2019 budget. The Committee discussed the issue of not being able to transfer dam ownership to private landowners.

LCD Policy review and consideration for approval: Ms. Abbott presented the three LCD policies. On Policy 1201 the Committee recommended adding “and prioritize land actively engaged in a farming operation” at the end of the third sentence in section 3. On Policy 1203 the Committee recommended including Administrative Code ATCP 50 as a Reference. Sup. Parman moved to forward the policies as revised to the Public Works Committee. Sup. Gollon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Land Conservation Department update.
a) 2018 WI Land & Water conference and resolutions: Ms. Abbott passed out the Conference
agenda and three resolutions that the WI Land & Water Association will be voting on.

b) **Staffing update and hiring timeline:** Ms. Abbott provided an update on the hiring process for the Department Assistant and Conservation Specialist positions.

c) **Beaver issues:** Beavers are causing debris issues on Twin Parks #6 dam (at Murphy’s). The Committee recommended a $50 bounty up to $250. Committee recommended LCD double check the boundary of private and DNR land and request permission before asking anyone to trap if it may encroach on private land.

d) **Annual Report** Ms. Abbott provided a handout of 2017 LCD accomplishments.

e) **2018 Work Plan** Ms. Abbott provided a handout of 2018 planned activities. The Committee provided recommendations for outreach and fact sheets.

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<td><strong>Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn.</strong></td>
<td>The next meeting date was set by consensus for Thursday February 15 at 3:30 PM. Motion by Sup. Parman to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. McGraw. Motion carried.</td>
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