

# Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

## December 21, 2016

### 1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:02 am. Committee members Matthew Foelker (Chair), Ed Morse (Vice Chair), Peter Hartz (Secretary), Gregg Patrick (Member) (@ 8:10), Lloyd Zastrow (Member), Frank Anfang (FSA Rep), and Margaret Burlingham (Public Member) were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Kathy Turner, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), and Cody Calkins, NRCS.

### 2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum):

A quorum was established.

### 3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law:

It was determined that the committee was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

### 4. Approval of the December Agenda:

The December agenda was reviewed by the committee members. No changes were proposed.

### 5. Approval of the November 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Pete Hartz made a motion to approve the November 16, 2016 meeting minutes as written, Margaret Burlingham seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

### 6. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) December Report. See attached.
- WI Land+Water Annual Dues. See attached.
- Information on the WI Land+Water Annual Conference. See attached.

### 7. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

### 8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Both Kathy Turner and Cody Calkins discussed Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) newly updated programs. See attached. NRCS has updated a few of its programs to include people already being good land stewards. NRCS is currently taking applications for CSP and EQIP.

### 9. Discussion and Possible Action on Wisconsin's Healthy Lakes Implementation Plan & Resolution:

See attached. Mark Watkins gave an overview of the Healthy Lakes Implementation Plan & Resolution. Ed Morse made a motion to adopt the plan, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 7/0. Frank Anfang made a motion to pass the resolution, it is not required to have full County Board approval, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

### 10. Discussion on County Farm Lease Extension:

Mark Watkins informed the committee the extension has been executed through 2017. If the County farm is not selected for Farm Tech Days a full lease package will be released for bid at the close of the 2017 crop year. If it is selected the committee will take action at the end of the 2017 crop year.

**11. Discussion on Hoard's Dairyman Manure Pit Repair Plan & Test Addendum:**

Mark Watkins updated the committee on the Hoard pit. After the unauthorized repairs were completed, Hoard's and their engineer met with The Planning & Zoning Committee. The Planning & Zoning Committee accepted and approved the repair plan retroactively and allowed Hoard's to open the pit 12/1/16 based on signing the Live Test #3 agreement. On 12/7/16 lab reports revealed the contamination levels were higher than ever before. On 12/9/16 the pit was closed again. Live Test #3 agreement has been temporarily suspended. Continued monitoring will remain as solutions are being considered.

**12. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):**

Franz & Vickie Weigand

Margaret Burlingham made a motion to accept the notice, Gregg Patrick seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

**13. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellations of Notices of Noncompliance - FPP:**

Carl Feldkirchner Trust, J&C McNally Trust, Ann Weilbacher

Gregg Patrick made a motion to accept the notices, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

**14. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (October):**

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures (October) was distributed. See attached.

**15. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE) Applications:**

No new applications at this time.

**16. Discussion on Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Report on Baseline Documentation for Easements:**

Mark Watkins has finalized Haberman's easement paperwork with the State Bank of Reeseville, recorded the easement with Register of Deeds and is awaiting Jefferson County's reimbursement from NRCS.

**17. Discussion on Marketing Farmland Conservation Easements:**

Margaret Burlingham spoke of many ways to market the Farmland Easements which include; WFAW interview, an article in the local papers, a press release in the Jefferson Daily Union. Mark Watkins included an article in the LWCD newsletter. Margaret Burlingham also mentioned having an informational session with local attorneys, bankers, and tax preparers.

**18. Discussion and Possible Action on an Application Period for the PACE Program:**

Margaret Burlingham discussed submitting a press release to inform the public about a PACE Application period.

**19. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:**

Possible agenda items include: Items #8, #11 - 19, include PACE application form for committee review.

**20. Next Scheduled Meeting:**

- February 15, 2017 @ 8:00 in Room 112

**21. Adjournment**

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 9:22 am, Gregg Patrick seconded. Motion carried 7/0.