

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

June 17, 2020

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:30 am. Committee members Matt Foelker (Chairperson), Walt Christensen (Vice-Chairperson), Dan Herbst (UWEX Member), and John Kannard (UWEX Member) were present. Mike Kelly (Secretary), JoAnn Davis (FSA Rep), and Margaret Burlingham were present via Zoom. Also in attendance were Patricia Cicero, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; and Nancy Lannert, LWCD.

- Others in Attendance via Zoom: Anita Martin, Beth Gehred

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. Review of the June Agenda:

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

5. Approval of the May 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

Herbst made a motion to approve the May 20, 2020 meeting minutes as written, Christensen seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

6. Public Comment:

Burlingham asked that the Land Trust Alliance Rally 2020 be put on a future meeting agenda as a reminder for the virtual conference which will be held on October 6 - 8, 2020.

7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection June 2020 Report.
- Agriculture Works Hard for Jefferson County

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

NRCS didn't attend the meeting therefore a report was unavailable.

9. Discussion on Departmental Updates:

The Farmland Preservation Program spot check in the northwest quadrant of the County is underway.

10. Discussion on 2019/2020 Tree Sale:

Cicero gave a summary of the 2019/2020 Tree Sale.

11. Discussion on American Farmland Trust's "Farms Under Threat" Wisconsin Webinar on June 24 at Noon

- Registration link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6059833399070404366>

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

Christensen made a motion to accept the notices, Kannard seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

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

There were no cancellations.

14. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (April):

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures was distributed.

15. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easement (PACE) Applications & Baseline Documentation:

There are no new applications. Monitoring will begin in July.

16. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: Land Trust Alliance Rally 2020 brochure, Burlingham requested the Regional Conservation Partnership Program pamphlet developed by the American Farmland Trust be distributed and discussed.

- **Next Scheduled Meeting:** July 15, 2020 @ 8:30 am in Room 205

17. Adjournment:

Christensen made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 am, Herbst seconded. Motion passed 7/0.