

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

November 18, 2020

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Mat Foelker at 8:30 am. Committee member Matt Foelker (Chairperson) was present. Walt Christensen (Vice-Chairperson), Mike Kelly (Secretary), Dan Herbst (UWEX Member), John Kannard (UWEX Member), 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: Anita Martin, Frankie Fuller (via Zoom)

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 November Agenda:

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

5. Approval of the October 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

Herbst made a motion to approve the October 21, 2020 meeting minutes as written, Kannard seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

6. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection November 2020 Report.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

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

9. Discussion on Departmental Updates:

The office is staffed every day by at least one person, the tree sale is ongoing with $\frac{3}{4}$ of the trees already sold, Rock River Coalition received a grant from Premier Bank to supply a stream monitoring team in Jefferson with the equipment needed to monitor, work is being done to identify needed repairs of the County Farm drain tile.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Transfer of Bonding Cost-Share Funds to Racine County:

Herbst made a motion to approve the transfer of bonding cost-share funds to Racine County, Kelly seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

11. Discussion on the Proposed Courthouse Remodel:

The proposed courthouse remodel was discussed and Cicero answered committee questions.

12. Discussion on the Land and Water Resources Management Plan:

The land and water resources management plan was discussed. Christensen asked about climate change in the plan. Lannert answered Christensen's questions and gave examples where the plan addresses climate change.

13. Discussion on the Comprehensive Plan and Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Plan:

https://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/government/comprehensive_plan_and_farm_preservation_plan.php

Cicero discussed the status of the Comprehensive Plan and Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Plan.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP): Charles Emery, Larry & Dianne Falk, Anna Mae Jaquith, and Patricia Schroedl

Herbst made a motion to accept the notices, Burlingham seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

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

There were no cancellations.

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

There no new applications at this time.

17. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (September):

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures was distributed.

18. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include:

- **Next Scheduled Meeting:** December 16, 2020 @ 8:30 am in Room 205

19. Adjournment:

Herbst made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 am, Kannard seconded. Motion passed 7/0.