

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

January 20, 2021

1. Call to Order:

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

- 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 January Agenda:

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

5. Approval of the December 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

Herbst made a motion to approve the December 16, 2020 meeting minutes as written, Kannard seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

6. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection January 2021 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 Multi-Discharger Variance Application has been submitted. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) rep position is vacant. FSA will assign someone to be appointed to the LWCD by the County Board Chairman at the February meeting. Cicero is working with Human Resources to post the Water Resources Management Specialist position.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Entering into a Lease for Agricultural Land at Dorothy Carnes Park between Jefferson County and WD Hoard & Sons Company:

The Chairman was informed there is no requirement for this lease to be approved by the LWCC therefore this matter does not need to be acted on by the LWCC after further review by Corporation Counsel.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on 2021-2030 Land and Water Resources Management Plan and Resolution:

<https://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/Reports/Plans/2021-2030%20Land%20and%20Water%20Resources%20Management%20Plan.pdf>

Herbst made a motion to approve the resolution as presented and forward it on to the County Board, Christensen seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP): There were no notices.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellation of Notices of Noncompliance - FPP:
There were no cancellations.

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

The deadline for new applications to NRCS is February 2021. There are no new applications at this time.

15. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (November):

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures was distributed.

16. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: No new agenda items were proposed.

- **Next Scheduled Meeting:** February 17, 2021 @ 8:30 am in Room 205

17. Adjournment:

Kannard made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 am, Herbst seconded. Motion passed 5/0.