

Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC) Agenda
"Working Together to Protect & Enhance the Environment"

Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S Center Ave, Rm 112
Jefferson, WI 53549-1701

Wednesday, August 19, 2015 @ 8:00 am

**Committee Members: Matthew Foelker (Chair), Carlton Zentner (Vice Chair), Peter Hartz (Secretary),
Ed Morse (Member), Frank Anfang (FSA Rep)**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law
4. Approval of the August Agenda
5. Approval of the July 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes
6. Communications
 - Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) August 2015 Report
7. Citizen Comments (members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)
8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report
9. Discussion on Land & Water Resource Plan
10. Discussion and Possible Action on Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) 2016 Budget Request
11. Discussion and Possible Action on Funding Farmland Conservation Easements from County Land Sales
12. Discussion and Possible Action on Funding Farmland Conservation Easements from the sale of old highway shop
13. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)
14. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellations of Notices of Noncompliance - FPP
15. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (June)
16. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda
17. Next Scheduled Meeting:
 - September 16, 2015 @ 8:00 am in **Room 202**
18. Adjournment

A quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.

Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at this meeting should contact the County Administrator 24 hours prior to the meeting at (920) 674-7101 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

July 15, 2015

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:00 am. Committee members Frank Anfang, Matthew Foelker, Peter Hartz, and Ed Morse were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Gerry Kokkonen, LWCD; and Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator (departed @ 8:25). Carlton Zentner was absent

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 July Agenda:

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

5. Review and Approval of the June 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the June 17, 2015 meeting minutes as written, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

6. Citizen Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) July Report. See attached.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

There was no report at this time.

9. Discussion of Potential Cropland Areas at the New Highway Facility:

Mark Watkins showed the committee a map of cropland that remains outside the new highway facility footprint. With the costs associated in bringing the land back into production, the committee decided not to pursue the 3 acres that are left. This item will be removed from future agendas.

10. Potential Permit Fee Surcharge in Support of the Farmland Preservation Easements Update:

Mark Watkins spoke to the committee about revenue streams the Farmland Commission will peruse rather than permit fee surcharges.

11. Review of Non-Metallic Mining Fees:

Gerry Kokkonen discussed the non-metallic mining fees in Jefferson County which have remained unchanged since 2002. Gerry Kokkonen proposed a change in these fees in keeping with other counties non-metallic mining fees and inflation. See attached.

Frank Anfang made a motion to increase fees, not to exceed the maximum limit allowed, for the 2016 Budget, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

12. Review of 2016 - 2020 Land & Water Management Plan Update:

Mark Watkins showed the committee the power point presentation that will be submitted to the Land & Water Board in August outlining the plan update.

13. Hoard's Dairyman Facility Update:

Mark Watkins updated the committee on the Hoard's Facility; at this time everything is working within acceptable parameters per the weekly testing reports.

14. Notice of Noncompliance with Soil and Water Conservation Requirements – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

Voluntary - Patrick & Lori Long

Frank Anfang made a motion to accept the notice, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

15. Cancellation of Noncompliance – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

None at this time.

16. Monthly Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) Financial Report (May):

The most recent statements of revenues and expenditures (May) were distributed. See attached.

17. Set next meeting and possible agenda items:

It was decided by the members that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee will be held on August 19, 2015 at 8:00 in Room 112. Possible agenda items include: Items # 7 - # 8 and # 10 - # 17

18. Adjournment

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 9:03 am, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

DATCP REPORT

August 2015

Soil and Water Resource Management Grants

- DATCP will present the 2016 preliminary allocation for presentation to the Land and Water Conservation Board at its **August 4th** meeting. DATCP proposes to allocate \$8,739,100 for county staffing grants, \$5,528,053 for Bond and Nutrient Management cost-sharing grants and \$648,195 cooperator contracts.
 - Of the 2.5 million appropriated for NM cost-sharing and other activities, DATCP is setting aside \$250,000 to fund producer-led council grants and holding back \$218,800 to cover any potential lapses.
 - DATCP is proposing new accountability measures requiring counties to identify their top five priorities with benchmarks when applying for annual grant funds.
- The DNR/DATCP Notice of Intent/Notice of Discharge received 13 applications in the first two rounds. Eleven have been selected for funding so far. Counties have until **August 17th** to submit an application for consideration for the third round.

Land and Water Resource Management Plans

- Reminder: Counties that will be presenting LWRM plan revisions or 5-year extension requests to the LWCB can use the DATCP File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site as an alternative to email to send in powerpoint presentations. To receive instructions on using the FTP site, contact Lisa.Trumble@wisconsin.gov.
- Counties that have LWRM plans expiring in 2016 will need to start working on a plan revision or extension request. In **mid-August**, DATCP will send materials and develop schedules. Contact Lisa.Trumble@wisconsin.gov with questions.
- The Land and Water Conservation Board will receive 5-year extension requests from Walworth, Jefferson, Pepin, Winnebago, and Marathon Counties at their **August 4th** meeting in Madison.

Drainage Districts

- DATCP is hosting training for county board members, consulting engineers, county land conservation department staff, and state and federal agency staff. Training sessions will provide a drainage program overview, updates on recently passed legislation, review of effective board meeting and business management, and provide updates from DNR on permitting requirements. Trainings will be held from 8:30am-12:15pm on **September 2nd** in Oshkosh, WI and **September 9th** Jefferson. For more information or to register, contact Christopher.Clayton@wisconsin.gov

Nutrient Management

- Nutrient Management User Group meetings are scheduled for **August 31st** (Jefferson), **September 1st** (Oshkosh), **September 2nd** (Richland Center), and **September 3rd** (Eau Claire). The meetings will include information about the *NEW* SnapMaps, 590 standard revision, changes in NRCS soils, UWEX yield potential designations, and nutrient management implementation issues. For more information visit the [DATCP nutrient management webpage](#).¹
- The UW Departments of Agronomy and Soil science will host their annual field day on **August 19th** at the Arlington Agricultural Research Station. The field day will run from 8am-2:30 pm and highlight research on soil fertility and management, organic cropping systems, bioenergy systems and crop management. Lunch will be provided by the Badger Crops Club for a \$5 donation.

¹ http://datcp.wi.gov/Farms/Nutrient_Management/

Farmland Preservation

- DATCP recently certified farmland preservation plans for Walworth County, Green Lake County, and Oneida County.
- DATCP recently certified farmland preservation ordinances for the Town of Belgium (Ozaukee County), La Crosse County, and Waupaca County

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

- Reminder: DATCP offers training for counties that covers CREP basics, county CREP responsibilities, and available tools. Trainings can be held locally and are a good opportunity for all partner agencies (LCD, FSC, NRCS & DATCP) to convene and review CREP in their area. Contact Brian.Loeffelholz@wisconsin.gov if you are interested in arranging a training.

Siting and Ordinances

- DATCP is receiving comments from committee members who are reviewing the “Livestock Facility Siting Four-Year Review: Report and Recommendations from the Technical Expert Committee”.
- Several counties have requested assistance from DATCP for ordinance revisions. Staff are working on standards to develop an ordinance template that may be used by counties, which is anticipated to be available in early 2016.

Outreach and Training

- The Conservation Professional Training (CPT) [website](#)² offers 100+ conservation trainings in convenient formats- online, classroom, and field- and has an online network of experts that you can tap into at any time. From conservation and nutrient management planning to healthy soils and forestry, trainings cover all aspects of conservation. Visit the CPTP website, your one-stop-shop for all of your training needs!

Staff Updates

- Congratulations and farewell to Lindsay Tekler of our Agricultural Impact Statement program, whose last day at DATCP was on July 23rd. We thank Lindsay for her hard work and contributions to the AIS program, and wish her the best of luck at her new job in Duluth!

Other Updates

- Conservation Observance Day will be held on **Friday, August 15th** from 9:00am-2:45pm at the Petersheim Farm located at E5633A Sag City Rd in Viroqua. The event will include lunch, recognize of Ralph and Sheila Petersheim as Conservation Farmer of the Year, and feature cover crops, trout stream restoration, wagon and dairy tours, and conservation successes. To RSVP, contact the Vernon County Land and Water Conservation Department at smcdowell@vernoncounty.org, or 608-637-5484.
- DATCP is beginning work on a pollinator protection plan for Wisconsin, beginning with a stakeholder meeting from 10:00am-2:00pm on **August 12th** at the Arlington Ag Research Station. Discussion will occur between invited stakeholders including agricultural organizations and businesses, environmental groups, the UW, and state, federal, and tribal government. The public will have a brief opportunity to comment at this meeting and two future meetings. The draft plan, when developed, will also be available for public comment.
- In light of recent events in Chippewa County, we would like to remind all conservation staff to take care and use precaution when working with manure storage facilities. Be sure to understand what hazards may exist onsite and follow all applicable safety guidelines to protect yourself and others.

² <http://conservation-training.uwex.edu/>

RESOLUTION NO. 2015- _____

Resolution to institute a new Farmland Conservation funding method

Executive Summary

WHEREAS, agriculture is a pillar of the Jefferson County economy, and

WHEREAS, the protection of farmland is supported by the County Board and County residents, and

WHEREAS, the County Board, with adoption of the 1999 Jefferson County Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Plan, recommended the establishment of a PCE (Purchase of Conservation Easements) program, and renewed this commitment with the approval of the 2012 amended Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Plan, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2006-86 established the Jefferson County Farmland Conservation Easement Commission which designated \$20,000 to develop a PCE program and established that, from time to time, future funding mechanisms would be determined by the County Board, and

WHEREAS, recent changes to Wisconsin state law have eliminated a funding source for the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) program, and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Farmland Conservation Easement Commission has ongoing contract discussions with landowners wishing to preserve agricultural land, and

WHEREAS, funds from Jefferson County are required to provide the necessary incentive for land owners to enter into farmland conservation easements,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for the purpose of continuing the PACE program in Jefferson County, proceeds from the sale of all County owned farmland or land which is capable of being farmed, not to exceed the agricultural value of such land, shall be allocated to the PACE program and applied toward the purchase of farmland conservation easements as administered by the Jefferson County Farmland Conservation Easement Commission.

Fiscal Note: _____

Ayes _____ Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____ Vacant _____

Requested by:
The Farmland Conservation Easement Commission

Date of Co. Bd. Meeting

Name of drafter: Walt Christensen Date drafted: 8/10/2015

APPROVED: Administrator _____; Corp. Counsel _____; Finance Director _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2015- _____

Resolution recommending future allocation of funds to the Farmland Conservation Easement Commission for the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements.

Executive Summary

WHEREAS, the County Board with adoption of the 1999 Jefferson County Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Plan recommended the establishment of a Purchase of Conservation Easements (PCE) program, and renewed this commitment with the approval of the 2012 amended Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Plan, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2006-86 established the Jefferson County Farmland Conservation Easement Commission and said resolution initially provided \$20,000 to develop a Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program, and established that, from time to time, future funding mechanisms would be determined by the County Board, and

WHEREAS, The County Board approved Resolutions No. 2008-15 and No. 2008-55, per the Finance Committee's recommendation, directing that a portion of proceeds from the sale of County owned farmland be allocated (\$260,000) to the PCE Program, and

WHEREAS, the Commission has judiciously committed nearly all these funds to the purchase of conservation easements leveraging matching private, state and federal funds, and said easement contracts were approved by the County Board, and

WHEREAS, the new Highway Shop has required the removal of more County owned farmland from agricultural use, and

WHEREAS, precedent has been set for the allocation of funds equivalent to the County Farm acreage's agricultural value to be set aside for the Commission's conservation easement program when County farmland converted from its agricultural status,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that if and when the former highway shop property is sold, a portion of these sale funds equivalent to the agricultural value of the former County Farm property (consider including a specific dollar amount) now converted to Highway Department use be allocated to the Farmland Conservation Easement Commission to continue the County's PCE program.

Fiscal Note: _____

Ayes _____ Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____ Vacant _____

Requested by:
Farmland Conservation Easement Commission

Date of Co. Bd. Meeting _____

Name of drafter: Steven Nass Date drafted: 8/10/2015

APPROVED: Administrator _____; Corp. Counsel _____; Finance Director _____

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Jefferson County
Land & Water Conservation Totals

Date Ran 7/21/2015
Period 6
Year 2015

Business Unit	Description	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Prorated Variance	Total Budget	Annual Remaining	Percentage Of Budget
7001 Land & Water	Revenue	(115,225.67)	(46,678.75)	(285,396.94)	(280,072.50)	(5,324.44)	(560,145.00)	(274,748.06)	50.95%
	Expenditures	46,195.51	46,678.75	273,091.08	280,072.50	(6,981.42)	560,145.00	287,053.92	48.75%
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		(69,030.16)	(0.00)	(12,305.86)	-	(12,305.86)	-	12,305.86	#DIV/0!
7002 Wild Life Crop	Revenue	-	(1,666.67)	(2,449.69)	(10,000.00)	7,550.31	(20,000.00)	(17,550.31)	12.25%
	Expenditures	-	1,666.67	4,223.62	10,000.00	(5,776.38)	20,000.00	15,776.38	21.12%
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	1,773.93	-	1,773.93	-	(1,773.93)	#DIV/0!
7007 Nutrient Manage	Revenue	-	(40.42)	(80.00)	(242.50)	162.50	(485.00)	(405.00)	0.16
	Expenditures	-	40.42	102.90	242.50	(139.60)	485.00	382.10	0.21
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	22.90	-	22.90	-	(22.90)	#DIV/0!
7008 County Cost Share	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
7009 Hope Lake	Revenue	-	(250.00)	(2,250.00)	(1,500.00)	(750.00)	(3,000.00)	(750.00)	75.00%
	Expenditures	-	250.00	-	1,500.00	(1,500.00)	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00%
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	(2,250.00)	-	(2,250.00)	-	2,250.00	#DIV/0!
7010 Resources	Revenue	-	(5,041.67)	(2,906.40)	(30,250.00)	27,343.60	(60,500.00)	(57,593.60)	4.80%
	Expenditures	-	5,041.67	2,906.40	30,250.00	(27,343.60)	60,500.00	57,593.60	4.80%
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
7011 Non Metallic	Revenue	241.25	(39.58)	5,837.50	(237.50)	6,075.00	(475.00)	(6,312.50)	-1228.95%
	Expenditures	0.50	39.58	168.45	237.50	(69.05)	475.00	306.55	35.46%
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		241.75	(0.00)	6,005.95	-	6,005.95	-	(6,005.95)	#DIV/0!
7012 Mud Lake	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
7013 Rome Ponds	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
7014 Gypsy Moth Program	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
7016 Southern Area	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
7019 Farmland Preservation Revenue	Revenue	(50.84)	(26,354.17)	(134.38)	(158,125.00)	157,990.62	(316,250.00)	(316,115.62)	0.00
	Expenditures	1.10	44,906.09	476.41	269,436.57	(268,960.16)	538,873.13	538,396.72	0.00
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		(49.74)	18,551.93	342.03	111,311.57	(110,969.54)	222,623.13	222,281.10	0.00
7020 County Farm	Revenue	8,684.92	(122.42)	(734.48)	(734.50)	0.02	(1,469.00)	(734.52)	50.00%
	Expenditures	60.75	122.42	233.53	734.50	(500.97)	1,469.00	1,235.47	15.90%
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		8,745.67	(0.00)	(500.95)	-	(500.95)	-	500.95	#DIV/0!
Total All Business Units	Revenue	(106,350.34)	(80,193.67)	(288,114.39)	(481,162.00)	193,047.61	(962,324.00)	(674,209.61)	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	46,257.86	98,745.59	281,202.39	592,473.57	(311,271.18)	1,184,947.13	903,744.74	#DIV/0!
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Grand Total Land Conservation		(60,092.48)	18,551.93	(6,912.00)	111,311.57	(118,223.57)	222,623.13	229,535.13	#DIV/0!