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

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

Wednesday, June 20, 2018 @ 8:00 am

Committee Members: Matthew Foelker (Chair), Walt Christensen (Vice-Chair), Ed Morse (Secretary), Dan Herbst (UWEX Member), Mike Kelly (UWEX Member), Frank Anfang (FSA Rep), and Margaret Burlingham (Public Member)

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)
- 3. Overview of Open Meetings Law
- 4. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law
- 5. Review of the June Agenda
- 6. Approval of the May 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes
- 7. Public Comment (members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)
- 8. Communications
 - Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) June 2018 Report
- 9. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report
- 10. Discussion on LWCD June 2018 Director's Report
- 11. Discussion on Land & Water Conservation Committee Training for Southern Area Association
- 12. Discussion on Acronyms & Initials Regarding Partnering Agencies & Programs
- 13. Discussion on Non-Metallic Program
- 14. Discussion on 2017/2018 Annual Tree Sale Report
- 15. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)
- 16. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellation of Notices of Noncompliance FPP
- 17. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (April)
- 18. Discussion on Jefferson County Dairy Breakfast
- 19. Discussion on 4th Grade Farm Tour
- 20. Discussion on Apple as the Earth Presentation
- 21. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE) Applications
- 22. Discussion on Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Report on Baseline Documentation for Easements
- 23. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda
- 24. Next Scheduled Meeting:
 - July 18, 2018 @ 8:00 am in Room 112
- 25. 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 May 16, 2018

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Mark Watkins at 8:02 am. Committee members Walt Christensen (Member), Matthew Foelker (Member), Ed Morse (Member), Dan Herbst (UWEX Member), Mike Kelly (UWEX 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; and Kathy Turner, Natural Resource Conservation Service (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. Election of Officers:

- **Chairman**: Frank Anfang made a motion to elect Matt Foelker Chairperson, Walt Christensen seconded. Motion carried 7/0.
- **Vice-Chairman:** Matt Foelker made a motion to elect Walt Christensen for Vice-Chairperson, Mike Kelly seconded. Motion carried 7/0.
- **Secretary:** Matt Foelker made a motion to elect Ed Morse for Secretary, Walt Christensen seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

5. Set Future Meeting Schedule:

The Land & Water Conservation Committee meetings will remain on the third Wednesday of the month at 8:00 am in room 112.

6. Review of the May Agenda:

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

7. Approval of the March 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

Margaret Burlingham made a motion to approve the March 21, 2018 meeting minutes as written, Walt Christensen seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

8. Public Comment:

Received public comment on items that were not on the agenda.

9. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) May 2018 Report. See attached.
- Jefferson County Dairy Breakfast.

10. Discussion on Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC) Guidance Document:

Mark Watkins discussed the Guidance Document with the committee members. See attached.

11. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Kathy Turner gave an overview of NRCS in Jefferson County and a few of the programs they offer.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Civil Rights Partner Discussion Packet - NRCS Offices Operating Agreement:

See attached. Walt Christensen made a motion to accept the Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners, Dan Herbst seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

13. Discussion on LWCD May 2018 Director's Report:

Mark Watkins discussed the April & May Director's Reports. See attached.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Maintenance Repairs on County Owned Farm Land:

Mark Watkins informed the committee of damaged tile drains at the County Farm. Walt Christensen made a motion to approve using allocated funds to repair the drains after this year's harvest, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

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

Voluntary - William Klecker Trust, Claire Klein Trust, Connie Kottwitz, Edward & Sharon Nelson, Randy & Susan Schultz

Margaret Burlingham made a motion to accept the notices, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

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

There were no cancellations at this time.

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

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

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

Margaret Burlingham directed the LWCD to send out an application to a farmer interested the easement program.

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

Nothing to report on baselines at this time.

20. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: Apple Demonstration, Dairy Breakfast, Easement Information, and Solar Farms

21. Next Scheduled Meeting:

June 20, 2018 @ 8:00 in Room 112

22. Adjournment:

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 8:58 am, Walt Christensen seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

PACE stands for Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements

The purpose of the Jefferson County Farmland Preservation Programs are to conserve land for its natural, scenic, historical, and productive value.

The Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Department is charged with administering the voluntary Purchase of Conservation Easements (PACE) program created by the County Board in 2007. The Department seeks to permanently protect high quality farmland and working farms through donated and purchased agricultural conservation easements on privately-owned land.

Cooperating Agencies

- Jefferson County Zoning and Planning Department
- Jefferson County UW-Extension
- Natural Heritage Land Trust
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative

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PACE Farmland Preservation through Conservation Easements





Working to conserve the rural character and economy of Jefferson County through purchased and donated conservation easements.

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What is an easement?

A conservation easement is a voluntary and permanent legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust or government agency that permanently limits uses of the land in order to protect its conservation values. It allows landowners to continue to own and use their land, and they can also sell it or pass it on to heirs.

What is the motivation behind most easements?

Conservation-minded landowner's love for the land and a wish to see that land preserved as farmland and surrounding natural areas for future generations is the primary motivation behind most donations. However, the tax benefits of conserving land can be substantial and add value for those deciding to participate in a land protection program. Leaving a priceless legacy can benefit both the land and the landowner.

How are easements designed?

Each easement is designed to reflect landowner's individual needs and wishes for their land. Conservation easements offer great flexibility. An easement may apply to all or a portion of the property, and does not require public access.

What land limits are established?

Landowners retain the right to own and sell eased property, but the easement restrictions will always remain with the property and attached to the land title. When you sell or donate a conservation easement, you retain the right to farm the land. Essentially, you sell or donate the right to subdivide residential lots, while retaining the right to grow crops. Future owners will also be bound by the easement's terms. The easement protects the farmland from residential development.

Who manages the easement?

The county is responsible for ensuring that the easement's terms are followed. Both the county and its co-holder will be charged with monitoring and enforcing the easements.

Can I Donate an Easement?

Easements can be donated and tax breaks are available as appropriate to an individuals situation and needs.

How do I participate?

For more information and/or an application, contact the Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Department at (920) 674-7110 or www.jeffersoncountywi.gov







DATCP REPORT June 2018

2017 Land and Water Conservation Annual Report

• The 2017 Land and Water Conservation Annual Report¹ is finished and will be available on our website on June 5, 2018. Please take a minute to look at the report to see some of the great things going on in Wisconsin. And – please share the information widely! We will also give each county a couple of hard copies. Thanks again to the counties for sharing information about the work completed in 2017.

Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM) Grants

- DATCP is sending out documents to renew county master contracts based on 2018 SWRM grant awards. You must formally acknowledge receipt of the renewal documents to complete the process.
- At the June 5, 2018 meeting of the Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB), DATCP will present its a supplement allocation of \$191,750 for 2018 landowner cost-sharing grants award using the methodology followed for the 2018 final allocation.
- DATCP is working with counties that used SWRM grant funds to cost-share CREP equivalent agreements and easements to understand compliance issues and determine reenrollment options. Counties interested in making CREP equivalent payments should pay attention to future updates.

Producer-Led Watershed Protection (PLWP) Grants

- Grant contracts have been amended to include additional funding for 17 groups and two more farmer-led groups will receive funding as a result of a recently signed bill that triples funding for PLWP Grants through 2019. To read the press release, visit this webpage².
- The department will begin taking PLWP grant applications in July for 2019 funding and will again award up to \$750,000. Application materials will be available on the program webpage.
- A PLWP grant program impact report is being developed and should be available by mid-June.

LWCB and Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) Plans

• The LWCB will hold a short business meeting on June 5th in Baraboo, followed by a tour of conservation project sites in Sauk County. The business meeting will include agenda items of state goals and funding recommendations for conservation programs.

Nutrient Management

• Updates to SnapPlus17 are still underway. Once the updated version is released, we will notify everyone.

Conservation Engineering and County Manure Storage Ordinances

- The DATCP Conservation Engineering Practitioner Certification Database has been populated and updated and is now ready for generation of practitioners' Certification forms. DATCP Area Engineers will be sending out PDFs of each practitioners' form for review and signatures.
- The NRCS waste management standards and specifications (313, 520, 521, 522 & WCS 300) have been updated with minor revisions and clarifications and are now posted on the Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG) site. Please note that moving forward NRCS will be designating minor revisions with an "R" after the date (e.g. October 2017R). Consideration should be given to how this affects the version of the standard referenced in your county manure storage ordinance now that there will be an "R" designation after the date.

¹ https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Publications/LandWaterAnnualReport.aspx

² https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/News_Media/ProducerLedIncrease.aspx

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- FSA sent out Notice CRP-849 stating that CREP enrollment will remain open for 2018 and will allow reenrollments with effective start dates of 10/1/2018.
- Deadlines for CREP offers in 2018 on the Federal side of CREP are as follow per the notice:
 - o August 17, 2018 Producer offer acceptance
 - o September 7, 2018 NRCS to return CPO to FSA
 - o September 28, 2018 FSA to accept the CRP1
- Landowners with CREP easements that have expired CRP1's will be receiving a letter from DATCP. The letter includes information on the requirements of the CREP easement along with a map showing the easement location. The letter also indicates that a representative from DATCP or the LCD may be out to visit the site in the coming year.

Livestock Facility Siting Program

• On June 13th, the Livestock Facility Siting Review Board will hear an appeal brought by an individual against Jefferson County on the issue of odor control proposed by a permitted poutry facility expansion.

Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)

- Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) petitions are due to DATCP June 8, 2018
- The Buffalo County Farmland Preservation Plan was approved.
- The Town of Lyndon's (Sheboygan County) Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance was approved.

AIS

- DATCP has completed an Agricultural Impact Statement (AIS) for a natural gas pipeline project in the vicinity
 of the Foxconn Electric Information Technology Manufacturing (EITM) zone called the <u>Lakeshore Capacity</u>
 Improvement Project.³
- DATCP is reviewing the application materials submitted by American Transmission Company (ATC) and others for the high-voltage electric transmission line project, Cardinal-Hickory Creek. Two routes are proposed for a line that would extend approximately 100 miles from Dane County southwest to the village of Cassville in Grant County. It ends across the Mississippi River in Dubuque County, Iowa. A web page containing information about this project and links to maps will be posted on the AIS current projects website.
- DATCP is drafting an AIS for a 30-mile natural gas pipeline project known as the Plymouth to Chilton Main Replacement Project proposed. The proposed Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) Corporation project would cross the counties of Calumet, Sheboygan, and Manitowoc.

³ https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/AISLakeshoreCapacity.pdf

Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Department

June Director's Report 2018

Reporting/Activity:

- Attended WLWCA Southern Area Spring Business meeting.
- Communications with Federal partners regarding office space & facilities.
- Met with Corp Council regarding information on Creekwood Facility permit appeal.
- Met with Corp Council regarding County Road A Project.
- Submitted Reimbursement Requests to WI DNR for Animal Damage and Deer Donation Program.
- Participated in Concrete Inspection webinar.
- Developed new FPP Brochure for distribution at County Fair.
- Monthly Deposits (May) \$ 1,147.43.

Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

- Issued 10 Certificates of Compliance.
- Mailed 7 notices to participants without a 590 checklist on file.
- Reviewed Compliance Schedule list, site visits to determine compliance with tillage setback rule.
 Mailed out 4 Schedules of Compliance for landowners needing tillage setbacks
- Enrolled 2 new participants in FPP.
- Completed 4 conservation plans.
- Fielded multiple calls regarding Annual Certification process.
- Issued 6 Voluntary Non-participations for FPP.
- Issued 1 schedule of compliance for a land owner that is out of compliance with FPP.

Nutrient Management/Cost Share:

- Made 1 offer of cost share to compliant producer.
- Worked with an organic producer to help him meet the new requirements of NRCS 590. While
 the new standard provides more options, those options make it difficult for an organic dairy
 farmer to comply.
- Continued taking 2018 Cost Share Applications.
- Reimbursement for Hughes 2017 Cost Share contract completed.

GIS:

- Drone License training.
- Non-metallic pit blasting observation.
- Develop Ag-Easements monitoring letter.
- FPP parcel updates.

Livestock Siting Application Reviews:

- Met with a concerned citizen to explain requirements and procedures for WPDES and County Livestock Siting Permits.
- Staff attended WPDES permit renewal public hearing for TAG Lane Farm.

Animal Waste - Manure Discharge/Complaints:

- Received complaint of horse manure stacking on DNR land in Palmyra. Investigation completed.
 No issues found.
- An updated nutrient management plan for Nature Link Farms was submitted and reviewed. It meets the nutrient management standard.
- Provided information on the requirements to properly close a manure storage that is idle. Kruwell Farms - farm is being sold.

Tree Program:

- Distribution completed.
- Final report preparation underway.

Miscellaneous:

- Monthly staff meeting completed.
- Multiple staff vacations scheduled.
- Reviewed and approved monthly P-Card purchases in MUNIS.
- Reconciled May financials in MUNIS.
- Day to day office activities.
- Scheduled 2018 LWCD Summer Picnic Lunch.
- Assisted Jefferson County resident with garden soil and fertility for asparagus.

Lakes & Streams:

Lake Ripley

Talked to the lake manager about a number of current and future projects including erosion at a
private property, water quality monitoring of the inlet stream, and planning for the update to
the lake management plan.

Lower Spring Lake

• Implemented a pre-chemical treatment plant survey on the lake with the DNR.

Rock Lake

- Provided information to the City of Lake Mills about water quality testing at public beaches.
- Attended Joint Rock Lake Committee meeting and Rock Lake Improvement Association meeting.
- Helped organize and presented at a lake lot 101 workshop.

Rock River

• Met with the Parks Director for the City of Jefferson to plan for participation in their June 2nd event.

Stream Sampling Program with volunteers

· Communicated to several volunteers regarding sampling.

Aquatic Invasive Species

 Communicated to the Town of Lake Mills, Lake Ripley Management District, and watercraft inspectors regarding the Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program. Trained the new watercraft inspector for Rock Lake.



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