



MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 04, 2009, 7:15 P.M.
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT - CONFERENCE ROOM
USDA SERVICE CENTER
440 N US HWY 14, JANESVILLE WI

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting of the Land Conservation Committee to order at 7:15 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Richard Bostwick, Larry Wiedenfeld, Katie Kuznacic, James Quade, Robert Fizzell, Ronald Combs, Eva Arnold, and Alan Sweeney.

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Dave Terrell, USDA-Wildlife Services.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Fizzell motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Combs. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – January 7, 2009:** Supervisor Combs motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. **Motion Carried.**
Approval of Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Land Conservation Committee and the Public Works Committee– January 19, 2009: Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Supervisor Combs. Supervisor Sweeney noted changes needing attention. Tom Sweeney will forward amendments to Administration. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None
5. **Bills and Transfers:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Supervisor Quade. Supervisor Sweeney abstained from vote. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program – Approval of Damage Claims for 2008 Program.** Dave Terrell, USDA-Wildlife Services presented the wildlife damage claims requested by program participants. Bernard Hanlon has requested \$782.18 compensation for damage to crops and James Hanlon has requested \$398.65 compensation for damage to crops. Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Land and Water Resource Management Plan –**
 - A) **Set Meeting Date and Time for working meeting for Draft Document.** Tom Sweeney noted that the LCC should set a date and time for a working meeting to review the draft of the 2009 Land and Water Resource Management Plan. Chair Bostwick asked that the date be February 24, 2009 with a start time of 6:00 pm. Hearing no objections the date and time were set.
 - B) **Discussion - Results of Survey.** Tom Sweeney handed out the survey conducted as part of the LWRM plan update. State law requires that a citizen advisory committee be appointed or that a public survey be conducted. A survey was conducted. Tom Sweeney stated that the three highest resource concerns noted were Groundwater Quality, Farmland Preservation, and Surface Water Quality. The results will be published in the LWRM plan document.

8. **Request for Erosion Control Permit Extension – Enbridge Energy Southern Access Expansion Program Stage 2.** Tom Sweeney stated that Enbridge Pipeline Project has not been completed and has requested an extension to their Construction Site Erosion Control Permit. Supervisor Quade motioned to approve the extension, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Farmland Preservation Program: Approval of Notices of Non-Participation for Ryan Farms, LLC and Marion Morse.** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the notices of non-participation for Ryan Farms, LLC and Marion Morse as presented, seconded by Supervisor Combs. **Motion Carried.**
10. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program**
 - A) **Approval of Contract Amendment #5 allowing Rock County's participation to continue.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the amendment. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the CREP Contract Amendment #5 as presented, seconded by Supervisor Fizzell. **Motion Carried.**
 - B) **Approval of fifteen-year agreement for Renee Bernard.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the agreement. Supervisor Combs motioned to approve the agreement as presented, seconded by Supervisor Kuznacic. **Motion Carried.**
11. **Approval of Resolution – Determining Allocation of American Transmission Company (ATC) Environmental Impact Fees Proposed By The Land Conservation Committee.** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Fizzell. A short discussion ensued on the projects being proposed and covered by the resolution. Supervisor Arnold called the question. A roll call vote was taken. Supervisor Arnold was the only dissenting vote. **Motion Carried.**
12. **Purchase of Development Rights - Discussion:** Supervisor Sweeney expressed his appreciation to all committee members for their attendance at the PDR workshop held February 4, 2009. Chair Bostwick expressed his appreciation specifically to Supervisor Sweeney and Tom Sweeney for sponsoring a successful workshop.
13. **Adjournment:** Supervisor Fizzell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:02, seconded by Supervisor Combs. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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