



**MINUTES**  
**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012, 7:15 P.M.**  
**LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**440 N US HWY 14**  
**JANESVILLE WI**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting of the Land Conservation Committee to order at 7:16 p.m.  
  
**Committee Members Present:** Richard Bostwick, Larry Wiedenfeld, Eva Arnold, Alan Sweeney, Fred Yoss and James Quade.  
  
**Committee Members Absent:** Deloyde Sanders and Ed Nash.  
  
**Staff Present:** Tom Sweeney, LCD, Chris Felton and Marsha Vomastic, Friends of the Badfish Creek Watershed.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Yoss. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – August 9, 2012:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2012 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
5. **Presentation by the Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed:** Chris Felton and Marsha Vomastic introduced themselves to the committee and staff present. Felton and Vomastic proceeded with the presentation of the activities that the Friends group are involved with regarding watershed. Currently, activities are centered on the control of invasive species, centering on Japanese Knotweed, Garlic Mustard, and Wild Parsnip. Other activities include but are not limited to, In Stream Water Quality Monitoring, Adopt-A-Highway, and the annual Badfish Creek Canoe Trip. The committee asked a few questions regarding the Friends group. Felton and Vomastic thanked the committee for their time.
6. **Bills:** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Land and Water Resource Management Program - Approval of Cost Share Agreements:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the cost share agreements for Malcolm Hull, Well Abandonment; Loren Bobolz, Waterway System; Randall Shotliff, Waterway System; Roy Keisler, Subsurface Drain System; Andrew Maple Grove Farms, Grade Stabilization; Candice Phelps, Diversion; seconded by Supervisor Quade. Tom Sweeney explained the cost shared items. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program – Approval of 15-year Agreements:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the agreements for Kathryn A Brown, Filter Strip; Round Barn Farm, Filter Strip; James Kosharek, Filter Strip; Allen Kerl, Filter Strip and Wetland Restoration; Green Rock Audubon Society, Filter Strip; seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**

9. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements:**
  - A. **Approval of Cooperative Agreement between the USDA Commodity Credit Corporation, through the NRCS, and Rock County for the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program.** Tom Sweeney reported the coop agreement was a funding mechanism for the USDA-NRCS portion of the purchase price for three applications to the PACE Program.
  - B. **Discussion:** Tom Sweeney reported on activities LCD staff has been involved with since the last LCC meeting. Supervisor Sweeney stated he visited with Representative Evan Winn regarding possible legislation as it relates to funding the state PACE program.
10. **Department Update:** Tom Sweeney provided an update on Department activities since the last LCC Meeting.
11. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to adjourn the September 5, 2012 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:39 pm, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

**Minutes are not official until adopted by the Land Conservation Committee.**

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