



**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2013, 7:15 P.M.
LAND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE ROOM
440 N US HWY 14
JANESVILLE WI**

AGENDA – AMENDED 10/1/2013

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes – September 4, 2013.
4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.
5. Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances.
6. Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program
 - A. 2014 Budget,
 - B. 2013 Claims - Crop Prices,
 - C. 5 year Cooperative Service Agreement.
7. Land and Water Resource Management – Approval of Cost Share Agreements.
8. Resolution – Amending the 2013 Land Conservation Department Budget to Offset Costs Associated with the Clean Sweep Program.
9. Resolution – Support of Clean Energy Choice for Wisconsin.
10. Department Update.
11. PACE Update.
12. Adjourn.

Account Number	Account Name	PO#	Inv Date	Vendor Name	Inv/Enc Amt
62-6300-0000-64918	ADVERTISING				
ENC		R1303373	09/19/2013	EDGERTON REPORTER CORP, THE	198.00
ENC		R1303375	09/19/2013	HOMETOWN NEWS LIMITED PARTNEF	100.42
ENC		R1303376	09/19/2013	EVANSVILLE REVIEW LTD	63.00
		P1302924	08/21/2013	CSI MEDIA LLC	362.10
		P1303077	08/31/2013	JANESVILLE GAZETTE INC	279.38
	Budget	YTD Exp	YTD Enc	Pending	Closing Balance
	2,200.00	1,033.85	0.00	1,002.90	163.25
HOUSEHOLD CLEAN SWEEP PROG TOTAL				1,002.90	

I have examined the preceding bills and encumbrances in the total amount of **\$1,002.90**
 Claims covering the items are proper and have been previously funded. These items are to be treated as follows:
 A. Bills and encumbrances over \$10,000 referred to the Finance Committee and County Board.
 B. Bills under \$10,000 to be paid.
 C. Encumbrances under \$10,000 to be paid upon acceptance by the Department Head.

Date: **OCT 02 2013**

Dept Head _____

Committee Chair _____

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Land Conservation Comm.
INITIATED BY



Thomas Sweeney
DRAFTED BY

Land Conservation Comm.
SUBMITTED BY

September 25, 2013
DATE DRAFTED

**AMENDING THE 2013 LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET
TO OFFSET COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Department (LCD) has participated in various components of the
2 Wisconsin Clean Sweep Program (Program), which is set up to allow homeowners, farm owners,
3 businesses and governmental units an affordable option for the disposal of hazardous chemicals no longer
4 accepted at land fills. The LCD has participated in the Program since 2002; and,
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6 **WHEREAS**, from the beginning, until 2006 the program's success indicated that Rock County should
7 investigate the opportunity of developing an annual clean sweep collection program. During this time, the
8 County was eligible for grants from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer
9 Protection (DATCP) on an every other year basis; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, in 2006, the LCD formed a Clean Sweep Program Workgroup to explore ways to fund an
12 annual Clean Sweep Program; and,
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14 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, the LCD was allocated funding from the ATC Fund account, per Resolution 09-
15 2B-219, to fund various conservation projects and the Land Conservation Committee allocated a
16 portion of this balance to help fund the Clean Sweep Program and convert it to an annual collection;
17 and,
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19 **WHEREAS**, the LCD continues to make an annual grant request to the DATCP for Clean Sweep
20 Program funding; and,
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22 **WHEREAS**, various communities in Rock County continue to make monetary donations to help defray
23 the costs of this program; and,
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25 **WHEREAS**, the 2013 grant from DATCP included an Agricultural Collection component that was not
26 included in the budget; and,
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28 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Committee requests a transfer from the ATC Fund account to
29 amend its budget to reflect the costs associated with the final billing for the Household and Agriculture
30 Clean Sweep Program.
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32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
33 this ____ day of _____, 2013, amends the Land Conservation Department's budget as
34 follows:
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<u>A/C DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUDGET AT 09/01/2013</u>	<u>INCREASE (DECREASE)</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
<u>Source of Funds:</u>			
62-6300-0000-47000	\$30,371	\$4,150	\$34,521
Transfer In			
<u>Use of Funds:</u>			
62-6300-0000-62119			
Other Contracted Services	\$28,000	\$4,150	\$32,150

Respectfully submitted:

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Richard Bostwick, Chair

Larry Wiedenfeld, Vice Chair

Eva Arnold

Edwin Nash

Norvain Pleasant

Alan Sweeney

James Quade, USDA-FSA

Fred Yoss

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of
_____.

Mary Mawhinney, Chair

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes a transfer of \$4,150 from ATC Fees to the Clean Sweep account. The balance in Land Conservation ATC Fees is estimated to be \$572,867 at 9/30/13.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:


As an amendment to the adopted 2013 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since 2002 the Land Conservation Department has participated in the Wisconsin Clean Sweep Program. This program collects unwanted chemicals which are banned from landfills. This program offers home owners, small businesses, schools and farms an affordable option to dispose of chemicals that can no longer be used. The LCD transformed the program in 2010 from an every other year program to an annual collection with help of the ATC Fund. Funding for this program comes from grants from Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection, Local Contributions from many of the towns and cities in Rock County, and the County ATC Fund. Also, many communities provide in kind assistance to the program.

In 2013, Rock County was granted two awards, the standard Household Clean Sweep Program and the Agricultural Clean Sweep Program. The Annual program is built from the Household Clean Sweep Grant Program. Both of the Programs were overly popular in 2013, and the LCD set a new record for customers served, 313 households, 9 agriculture, and 5 businesses/schools.

The 2013 budget did not reflect the Agricultural Clean Sweep Program and underestimated the number of household participants, hence the overage of \$4,150. The Land Conservation Committee requests that the additional funding be transferred from the ATC Fund Balance.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

LARRY WIEDENFELD
INITIATED BY



JEFFREY S. KUGLITSCH
DRAFTED BY

LAND CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE AND
COUNTY BOARD STAFF
SUBMITTED BY

SEPTEMBER 26, 2013
DATE DRAFTED

SUPPORT OF CLEAN ENERGY CHOICE FOR WISCONSIN

1 WHEREAS, Rock County has pursued the goal of becoming more sustainable in its planning,
2 operations, management, and policymaking by implementing numerous projects, initiatives, and policies
3 that save energy, reduce waste and conserve natural resources while supporting a healthy economy; and,
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5 WHEREAS, such recent County initiatives include using a geo thermal heating system at the new
6 Rock Haven facility which will save the County \$147,000 per year and pay back the cost of the system
7 within 6 years; and,
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9 WHEREAS, Clean Energy Choice will expand market opportunities for Rock County and
10 Wisconsin companies and their employees who are part of the state's vast renewable energy supply chain
11 by integrating locally available renewable energy into our economy and by engaging local manufacturers,
12 distributors, farmers, builders, entrepreneurs, and related professional workers; and,
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14 WHEREAS, Rock County urges the State of Wisconsin to adopt a policy expressly allowing
15 customers to enter into contracts with third parties who install, own, and operate a renewable energy
16 system at the customer's premises by supporting Clean Energy Choice, which will help households and
17 businesses overcome the diminishing supply of renewable energy incentive dollars available from
18 Wisconsin's Focus on Energy program and utilities at no extra cost to ratepayers and taxpayers; and,
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20 WHEREAS, current ambiguities in state law make it difficult for customers to access directly
21 clean renewable energy produced on their premises from systems owned by third parties, and more than
22 20 states have adopted policies expressly authorizing these types of arrangements with third parties; and,
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24 WHEREAS, the businesses, residents, schools and local governments in Rock County desire to
25 exercise responsibility over their long-term energy choices and integrate clean energy into their daily
26 lives.
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28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors in session
29 this ____ day of _____, 2013, that the Rock County Board joins the other Wisconsin citizens,
30 businesses, and local governments to endorse Clean Energy Choice as a policy for Wisconsin residents.
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors directs the County
33 Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the County's state legislative delegation.

SUPPORT OF CLEAN ENERGY CHOICE FOR WISCONSIN

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Respectfully submitted:

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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Mary Mawhinney


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Louis Peer

LEGAL NOTE:

Kurtis Yankee

Advisory only.


Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel


FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.


Craig Knutson
County Administrator

Wisconsin Needs to Approve Clean Energy Choice

The current ambiguities in Wisconsin public utility law interfere with customers' ability to access clean energy produced on their premises. In states where leased solar for electricity is specifically allowed, such as Arizona and Colorado, such arrangements have accounted for up to 90 percent of new installations, according to the Solar Energy Industries Association. Such arrangements allow people who don't have several thousand dollars on hand for up-front equipment purchase to have an accessible free market choice about how they obtain electricity. If they want a solar PV system, they can host one without being legally required to spend thousands initially.

But here in Wisconsin, we have a problem. A big utility took legal action in the neighboring state of Iowa to stop Dubuque from buying solar power directly from a company that would own and manage panels on city buildings. And the risk of protracted, expensive legal challenges from utilities so far has deterred third-party solar companies from trying to do business in Wisconsin.

The effect of this ambiguity in Wisconsin is to restrict property rights and citizens' freedom of choice. What is needed is a policy that clarifies one's right to purchase renewable energy produced by equipment located on their premises. To achieve this objective, we are working on a grassroots effort, which we call *Clean Energy Choice*, to embed in state law a citizen's right to access clean energy produced on his or her premises.

- The *Clean Energy Choice* policy would affirm customers' right to decide how they wish to purchase, lease, or implement a renewable energy system for their site.
- Because *Clean Energy Choice* allows third parties to provide the needed up-front capital with a leasing arrangement, this policy will greatly expand the number of energy users who can afford to host solar, wind, or biogas systems serving their homes or businesses. This provides a free choice alternative to the monopoly service that big electric utilities presently provide.
- *Clean Energy Choice* would help households and businesses overcome the diminishing supply of renewable energy incentive dollars available from Wisconsin's Focus on Energy program and utilities **at no extra cost to rate payers and taxpayers.**
- In contrast to standard utility electric service, obtaining directly from a renewable energy system can enable households and businesses to lock in predetermined prices for 10 years or longer. The price of energy from a third-party owned renewable energy system does not increase or decrease as a result of short-term fluctuations in the cost of conventional fossil fuels. **This provides a free market choice.**
- Electricity from a third party-owned system usually flows to the customer directly, offsetting consumption, or it is sold to the utility under an approved tariff. The rate impact from such installations would be negligible.
- *Clean Energy Choice* will greatly expand market opportunities for Wisconsin companies and their employees who are part of the state's renewable energy supply chain. For example, there are an estimated 135 companies in Wisconsin participating in the solar market, including Helios, Ingeteam, and Caleffi, three Milwaukee-based manufacturers.

This resolution encourages the state legislature to adopt a Clean Energy Choice program for Wisconsin.