



**MINUTES**  
**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013, 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 7:20 p.m.  
  
**Committee Members Present:** Richard Bostwick, Larry Wiedenfeld, Alan Sweeney, Edwin Nash and James Quade.  
  
**Committee Members Absent:** Deloyde Sanders, Eva Arnold, and Fred Yoss.  
  
**Staff Present:** Tom Sweeney, LCD, Andrew Baker, LCD.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Quade motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – February 6, 2013:** Supervisor Nash motioned to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2013 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Chair Bostwick. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
5. **Bills/ Pre-approved Encumbrances:** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the bills and pre-encumbrances as presented, seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Resolution - Authorizing Option to Purchase Agreements on The Morton And Vanthournout Properties by the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program:** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the resolution with the amended executive summary, seconded by Supervisor Quade. Tom Sweeney explained the amended resolution's executive summary, noting that administration requested that Landowner names and financial information be included. Tom will distribute the amended executive summary at the County Board meeting March 14, 2013. **Motion Carried.**
7. **PACE Update:** Tom Sweeney and Andrew Baker provided the update.
  - a. The LCD is waiting for the National office to clear the submitted easement deed, which will allow the LCD to sign the easements.
  - b. Appraisals have cleared the third party reviewer and final values have been set.
  - c. Candice Phelps has agreed to the lowered purchase price, still waiting for Susan Anderson and Mary Carlson to respond to new purchase price.
  - d. Waiting to finalize the title work and title insurance until all three have made a decision.
  - e. Working on finalizing applications for the 2013 FRPP program year.
8. **Department Update.** Tom Sweeney provided the update.
  - a. The tree distribution date has been set for April 18, 2013 inventories of available trees are getting low.
  - b. Meeting date for March 23, 2013 with the Friends of Carver Roehl County Park to discuss water quality data for the watershed.
  - c. Clean Sweep dates have been set for April 26 Milton and April 27 Beloit.
  - d. Groundwater Nitrate study project is in the works to start in 2013 and continue into 2014.

- e. Non-Metallic mining program audit showed no deficiencies.
  - f. Illicit Discharge Ordinance is back on the front burner, meeting with Corp. Council office has been scheduled.
  - g. The office has received numerous calls from landowners and tax preparers regarding the Farmland Preservation Program.
  - h. Adaptive Management issues have been discussed with DNR Staff.
9. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to adjourn the March 6, 2013 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:16 pm, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist  
**Minutes are not official until adopted by the Land Conservation Committee.**

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