



**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
May 12, 2016 - MINUTES**

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Chairman David Richer at 9:00AM on May 12, 2016 in the Committee Room #0903 of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: David Richter, Chair
Katie Mehn
Patti Garro
Joanne Guden
Robert Schweder
Arnold Dahlke, Jr., FSA Member

Excused:

Staff Present: Paul Gunderson
Heidi Weishaar

Others Present: Harley Reabe
Robert Lyon
Tony Daley

AGENDA

Motion/second (Garro/ Guden) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Guden/Schweder) to approve and file the April 14, 2016 meeting minutes with noted correction to the voucher amount. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPEARANCES

None

MONTHLY STAFF REPORT & UPCOMING PROJECTS

Written report was reviewed.

LAKE AND RIVER REPORT

Written report was reviewed.

DATCP/COUNTY COST-SHARE CONTRACTS

HOPPA, BRENDAN BROOKE ACRES LLC, WALDVOGEL, STEPHENS, GOEHRING, MICHELS

Motion/second (Guden/Dahlke) to approve cost-share contracts. Motion carried.

FPP NOTICES OF NON-COMPLIANCE ACTION

Gunderson explained the FPP program and what it means to either be “in compliance” or “out of compliance”. He wanted the landowners stated on public record that have been removed from the program and reported to the Department of Revenue.

Motion/Second (Garro/Guden) to accept the Voluntary Waiver of Rights from PAUL KILGORE, DOUG KASTENSCHMIDT, KIRK SCHULZ and the Notice of Noncompliance from ADAM BURK, THE BURK FAMILY LLC, and KIMBERLY BURK in regards to the Farmland Preservation tax credits. Motion carried.

SMITS BROTHERS NR243 GRANT

There was a motion passed in December 2015 regarding the use of Conservation funds to front the cost of this project prior to grant reimbursement. The project has been completed, thus Gunderson reminded the committee of this agreement to explain the \$150,000 check on the monthly voucher form.

DEPARTMENT MERGING DISCUSSION

Gunderson handed out a list of pros and cons, along with a cost comparison chart showing proposed merge.

Motion/Second (Guden/Garro) against merging the Land Conservation Department with Land Use Planning & Zoning. Richter wanted it noted for the record that a unanimous vote carried.

DEPARTMENT VACANCY

Gunderson explained the application process and invited any of the committee members interested to be part of the interviews.

SOIL CONSERVATION POSITION RE-CLASSIFICATION

Gunderson handed out revised proposed job descriptions and requirements. He clarified that although this re-classification does not benefit the current staff, it would put future applicants to Green Lake County in a better position for advancement versus losing quality people once they are trained.

Motion/second (Guden/Garro) to approve the Land Conservation re-classification of the Soil Conservationist job descriptions as proposed and pass to it on to Personnel Committee.

VOUCHERS

Motion/second (Garro/Schweder) to approve vouchers totaling \$ 155,316.63 as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Dates:
 - June 9, 2016 at 9:00AM in the Committee Room #0903 of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake.
 - LWLWCA Meeting on May 20, 2016 at Grand Chute Town Hall in Appleton, WI. No LCC members can attend.

- Future Agenda items for action & discussion
 - Richter read an email from Jim Vandebrook regarding DNR regulation of high capacity wells. It will be put on the agenda for June with discussion and action as needed.

ADJOURN

Motion/second (Mehn/Garro) to adjourn at 10:50AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar
Recorder