

**DODGE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
127 EAST OAK STREET  
JUNEAU, WI 53039  
March 23, 2015**

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) met on March 23, 2015 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 1C of the Dodge County Administration Building.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel, Bill Muche, Howard Kriewald, Larry Bischoff, and Bill Foley – Gerald Adelmeyer excused.

**Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present:** Marc Bethke, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD) County Conservationist; Jim Mielke, Dodge County Administrator; Jeff Hoffman, Dodge County UW-Extension; and Josh Odekirk – USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist.

**Others Present:** Ruth Johnson, Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Commissioner.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING:** Motion by Muche to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of February 23, 2015 as sent by mail; seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS:** There were no public appearances or comments.

**AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS:** Josh Odekirk reported on significant work activities and issues of the USDA-NRCS over the past month. Josh reported on several programmatic matters, and also reported that a person has been hired to fill the vacant soil conservationist position in Dodge County. Permission has also been granted to advertise to fill the vacant soil conservation technician position in Dodge County. Dale Macheel reported that Dodge County USDA-Farm Services Agency (FSA) County Executive Director (CED) Susan Blachowiak has taken a new position as a district director for the agency.

**REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUE:** The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW AND REVISED CONSERVATION PLANS:** Motion by Kriewald to approve signing three revised conservation plans as presented for committee consideration; seconded by Foley. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER 2016 DATCP/DNR JOINT GRANT APPLICATION:** The committee reviewed the proposed 2016 DATCP/DNR Joint Grant Application. Motion by Bischoff to approve signing the 2016 DATCP/DNR Joint Grant Application as presented; seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER 2015 LAND & WATER COST SHARE USE STRATEGY:** The committee reviewed the proposed strategy for using 2015 allocated cost share funding from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Motion by Nelson to approve the proposed 2015 strategy for use of Land & Water Resource Management Program cost share funding as proposed; seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER 2015 FPP SERVICE FEE AND LATE PENALTY FEES:** The committee considered information relative to the 2015 Farmland Preservation Program fees. Based on the information presented, consensus was to keep fees the same in 2015 as they were in 2014.

**CONSIDER PRIVATE WELL WATER TESTING PROGRAM:** The committee met with Kevin Masarik, UW-Stevens Point Center for Watershed Science and Education, via a "google hangout" to further review and discuss the proposed program for testing of private wells in Dodge County. Mr. Masarik answered several questions relative to the proposed program and to groundwater quality monitoring.

**CONSIDER LETTER TO JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE URGING RESTORATION OF STATE AID:** The committee reviewed a draft letter to members of the Wisconsin Legislature's Joint Finance Committee regarding the restoration of funds that are proposed to be cut from state aid to county land conservation departments. Motion by Muche to send the letter as proposed to all members of the Wisconsin Legislature's Joint Finance Committee, seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.

**COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST MONTHLY REPORT: SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS AND OTHER ISSUES:** Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:** Jim Mielke reported that the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District is planning to host a tour of various resource issues on Lake Sinissippi on June 9, 2015, and have invited members of the Land Conservation Committee. Dale Macheel reported attending the Fox Lake Inland Lake District Meeting on March 12, 2015, where most discussion was focused on the sewer system. Dale and Ed Nelson also reported on various breakout sessions attended at the Wisconsin Land & Water Association's annual conference on March 9-11, 2015. Bill Foley reported that the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association has begun to work with their consultants on the development of a lake management plan for Beaver Dam Lake. Bill also distributed copies of a news release related to pending state legislation in Minnesota on the mandatory installation of riparian buffers adjacent to all water bodies.

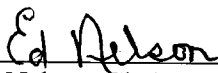
**CORRESPONDENCE:** Copies of the February 10, 2015 meeting minutes of the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District were distributed for committee members to read.

**PER DIEMS:** Motion by Kriewald, seconded by Bischoff to approve the regular per diems, in addition to the following:

- Dale Macheel – Fox Lake Inland Lake District Meeting on March 12, 2015 – per diem and 22 mile.
- Dale Macheel and Ed Nelson – Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association Annual Conference in Appleton on March 9-11, 2015 – per diem for both men for the days of March 9, 10, & 11, one meal for both men on March 9<sup>th</sup>, and 150 miles for Ed Nelson. Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 27, 2015 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Kriewald to adjourn at 10:45 AM; seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.

  
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Ed Nelson, Chair

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Marc Bethke, Acting Secretary

**Disclaimer:** The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

## LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

### (BILLS)

|  |           |               |
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| Wisconsin Land & Water Association - Conference Registration = | \$        | 750.00        |
| John Bohonek - February Expenses =                             | \$        | 3.79          |
| Office Max - Office Supplies =                                 | \$        | 6.78          |
| Lidtke Motors - U-Haul Rental Truck Down payment =             | \$        | 165.00        |
| <b>TOTAL =</b>   | <b>\$</b> | <b>925.57</b> |

### (REVENUE)

|  |           |                 |
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| 15 Small Packet Tree Orders =  | \$        | 1,327.01        |
| One Landowner - Manure Storage Ordinance Permit (Transfer Only) =      | \$        | 400.00          |
| One Landowner - Manure Storage Ordinance Technical Assistance<br>Fee = | \$        | 1,000.00        |
| <b>TOTAL =</b>   | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,727.01</b> |

## **MARCH 2015 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT**

### **SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:**

- Attended the March 4<sup>th</sup> Human Services and Health Committee meeting to participate in discussion related to the Dodge County Private Well Water Testing Program
- Attended the annual conference of the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association in Appleton on March 9-11, 2015
- Finalized 2014 Annual Report to the Dodge County Board – should be available for the April county board meeting
- Continue to prepare Farmland Preservation Program Certificates of Compliance for program participants that are in full compliance with soil and water conservation performance standards – focused on the Towns of Shields and Leroy this past month.
- Closed sales on the spring 2015 small packet tree sales program – sold 23,000 trees and shrubs