

**DODGE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
127 EAST OAK STREET  
JUNEAU, WI 53039  
JULY 27, 2015**

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) met on July 27, 2015 beginning at 8:30 AM in Rooms 1H and 1I 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, Gerald Adelmeyer, Bill Muche, Howard Kriewald, Larry Bischoff, and Bill Foley.

**Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present:** Marc Bethke, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD); and John Bohonek, Conservation Engineering Technician; Jim Mielke, Dodge County Administrator; Josh Odekirk, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

**Others Present:** Ruth Johnson, Greg Farnham, Jim Congdon, Leonard Laufenberg, Joe Roche, Jeff Schmitt.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of May 26, 2015 as sent by mail; seconded by Foley. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS:** Ruth Johnson thanked the committee for their efforts to gather a group of concerned county residents to consider her request for a conservation buffer ordinance in Dodge County. Greg Farnham distributed copies of the summer newsletter for the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District. Greg shared that he does not plan to run for re-election to the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Board of Commissioners at their annual meeting in August. Greg shared his concern with progress in controlling soil erosion and nonpoint source pollution, and encouraged the committee to take more aggressive action to address these issues. Jim Congdon also thanked the committee for their efforts to consider the request for a county-wide conservation buffer ordinance, and also encouraged the committee to step up its actions to address soil erosion and nonpoint source pollution in Dodge County.

**CONSIDER DRAINAGE DISTRICT ISSUES WITH THE DODGE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:** Members of the Dodge County Land Conservation Committee and the Dodge County Drainage Board discussed several issues related to maintenance and operation of drainage districts in Dodge County. Primary issues discussed included the management of woody vegetation in district drains, and the requirement to establish and maintain a 20 foot wide corridor along district drains.

**CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CONSERVATION BUFFER ORDINANCE**

**JOINT TASK FORCE:** A task force that met twice in small group sessions and once in a large group session during July to consider the possibility of enacting of a county-wide buffer ordinance in Dodge County was not able to come to a consensus recommendation on the issue for consideration by the Land Conservation Committee. However, many individual comments and ideas were shared during these sessions, and copies of meeting notes and comments shared was organized by task force facilitator, Jeff Hoffman, and copies were distributed to committee members. Chair Ed Nelson indicated that he would like to call a special meeting in August just to consider both oral and written information provided to the committee over the past several months, and to consider additional actions to address this issue in the future. It was decided to hold this special Land Conservation Committee Meeting on August 19, 2015, beginning at 7:00 PM.

**AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS:** Josh Odekirk reported on significant work activities and issues of the Juneau USDA-NRCS Field Office.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW AND REVISED CONSERVATION PLANS:** There were no conservation plans presented for consideration by the committee.

**LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COST SHARE PROGRAM – MONTHLY REPORT:** Marc Bethke distributed copies of the June - July report of cost-share activities under the Land & Water Resource Management Program (see attached report).

**FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM:** Marc Bethke reported that approximately 50 Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) participants have not yet filed their annual conservation compliance certification report for 2015. Second notice post cards will be sent out near the end of August, at which time late penalty fees will also apply. FPP service fee collections are on track to meet 2015 budgeted revenue expectations. Two voluntary notices of noncompliance were presented for committee consideration. Motion by Muche to approve and authorize the Chair to sign FPP voluntary notices of noncompliance for Tom Haas and Steven Gay; seconded by Bischoff. 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:** Bill Foley shared copies of the most recent newsletter for the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association. The final draft of the management plan for Beaver Dam Lake will be presented at the lake association's annual meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Bill also reported that Beaver Dam Lake has experienced some blooms of blue-green algae this summer, and discussed some of the health concerns when people or their pets are exposed to the bacteria contained in blue-green algae.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Correspondence shared with the committee included a letter from Dodge County Farm Bureau President Roger Hildebrandt expressing Farm Bureau's concerns with a conservation buffer ordinance, a news article regarding a groundwater protection ordinance in Wood County, and a news article regarding the installation of liquid waste water recycling system on another Wisconsin farm in Manitowoc County. Copies of the May and June 2015 Lake Sinissippi Improvement District meeting minutes were also distributed.

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

Bill Muche – Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Meeting on June 2, 2015 – per diem and 15 miles.

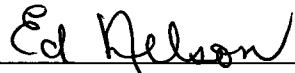
Dale Macheel – Fox Lake Inland Lake District Meetings on June 11 and July 9, 2015 – per diem and 22 miles for each meeting.

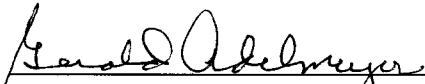
All seven members of the Land Conservation Committee – Conservation Buffer Task Force Meeting on July 22, 2015 – regular meeting per diems and mileage amounts.

Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 24, 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 10:40 AM, seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.

  
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Ed Nelson, Chair

  
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Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

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

## LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

### (BILLS)

Joe's Auto Service - Repair Wipers and Vacuum Lines on 2001 Chevy S-10 =	\$ 141.99
Joe's Auto Service - Brake Repair on 2007 Chevy Tahoe =	\$ 523.53
Joe's Auto Service - Brake Sensor Repair on 1999 Ford Ranger =	\$ 611.62
Joe's Auto Service - Oil Change on 1999 Ford Ranger =	\$ 27.00
Joe's Auto Service - Oil Change on 2007 Chevy Tahoe =	\$ 29.99
Schraufnagel Farms - Repayment of Manure Storage Ordinance Technical Assistance Earnest Fee =	\$1,000.00
One Landowner - Land & Water Cost Sharing for Well Abandonment =	\$ 328.30
Richland County LCD - SAA Summer Tour Registration =	\$ 75.00
USDA-APHIS - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Wildlife Crop Damage Program Bill =	\$6,151.88

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**TOTAL = \$8,889.31**

### (REVENUE)

Two County Landowners - Tree Planter Rental Fees =	\$ 40.00
489 Farmland Preservation Program Participants = Service Fee Payments =	\$12,220.02
Three Landowners - Manure Storage Ordinance Permit Fees =	\$ 1,200.00

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**TOTAL = \$13,460.02**

**LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COST SHARE PROGRAM REPORT**

May 27, 2015 - July 27, 2015

**Cost Share Agreements Signed**

<u>(Name)</u>	<u>(Cons. Practice)</u>	<u>(\$ Committed to Agreements)</u>
Neal Stippich	Grassed Waterway	\$4,620.00
Nehls Brothers Farms LTD	Well Decommissioning	\$500.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,210</b>

**Cost Share Payments to Landowners**

<u>(Name)</u>	<u>(Cons. Practice)</u>	<u>(\$ Expended)</u>
Nehls Brothers Farms LTD	Well Decommissioning	\$328.30
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$328.30</b>

## JUNE-JULY 2015 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

### SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:

- Processed 2015 Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) conservation compliance certification reports from participating landowners – approximately 50 reports still to be received.
- Field checked and certified implementation of new residue management acres on farms planned under prior year nutrient management training program.
- Prepared and mailed out FPP Certificates of Compliance for Calamus and Portland landowners that are in full compliance with all FPP soil and water conservation performance standards – began to prepare Certificates of Compliance for fully compliant Trenton farms.
- Met with Jeff Hoffman to prepare for buffer ordinance small group meetings – attended both the environmental representative and farmer representative small group meetings.
- Worked cooperatively with Veterans Service Officer Andy Miller, County Administrator Jim Mielke, and Human Resources Assistant Director Sarah Eske to create a new Administrative Secretary III job position description to be shared between the Veterans Service Office and the Land Conservation Department – approval for this new position to be sought at the July 21, 2015 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors.