

**DODGE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
127 EAST OAK STREET  
JUNEAU, WI 53039  
OCTOBER 26, 2015**

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) met on October 26, 2015 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A 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, Larry Bischoff, Bill Foley, Howard Kriewald, and Bill Muche.

**Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present:** Marc Bethke, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD); Jim Mielke, County Administrator; and Mike Burg, USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services.

**Others Present:** Ruth Johnson; Lake Sinissippi Improvement District.

**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 September 28, 2015 as sent by mail; seconded by Macheel. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS:** Ruth Johnson reported that she had attended the Dodge County Cover Crop Field Day on October 7th. Ruth also provided an article from the Soil and Water Conservation Journal that she asked be distributed to members of the Land Conservation Committee.

**AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS:** There were no agency advisor reports.

**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.

**WILDLIFE CROP DAMAGE PROGRAM:** Wildlife Crop Damage Specialist Mike Burg presented the proposed 2016 Dodge County Wildlife Crop Damage Program budget. Motion by Macheel to approve the proposed 2016 Dodge County Wildlife Crop Damage Program budget as presented; seconded by Muche. Motion carried. Mike Burg reviewed proposed crop prices for damage claim payments under the 2015 Dodge County Wildlife Crop Damage Program. Motion by Kriewald to approve the 2015 crop prices for Dodge County as proposed; seconded by Adelmeyer. Motion carried. The 90% harvest date was discussed. Motion by Kriewald to set the 90% harvest date at December 1, 2015; seconded by Adelmeyer. Motion carried. The committee discussed participating in the 2016 Venison Donation Program. Motion by Muche to have Dodge County participate in the 2016 Venison Donation Program, seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.

**FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM: CONSIDER ACTIONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE:** Eight (8) Farmland Preservation Program Participants have not yet certified conservation compliance for 2015 and need to be sent certified letters warning them of a pending notice of noncompliance. Motion by Muche to send certified letters warning Farmland Preservation Program participants that have not yet certified

conservation compliance that they will be issued a notice of noncompliance; seconded by Foley. Motion carried.

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

**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 reported that the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association is working on a trying to correct a shoreline erosion issue on about 700 feet of shoreline along the lake located near Edgewater Park. Bill also shared information regarding fish stocking in Beaver Dam Lake, and the lake associations participation in the Healthy Lakes Program. Dale Macheel reported that the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District discussed issues related to the sewer system at their last meeting. Dale also reported that one lake resident wants to start up a weed cutting business to serve the weed cutting needs of both Fox Lake and Beaver Dam Lake. The lake district continues to look for funding to install a bio-reactor on tiled cropland owned by the Fox Lake Prison Farm. Bill Muche and Ruth Johnson reported that the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District is surveying lake residents to determine future projects for the lake district, including lake dredging and fish stocking activities.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** There was no significant correspondence to share at this time.

**PER DIEMS:** Motion by Muche, seconded by Bischoff to approve the regular per diems, plus the following: Dale Macheel – Fox Lake Inland Lake District Meeting on October 8, 2015 – per diem and 22 miles; Bill Muche – Southern Area Land & Water Conservation Association Fall Meeting on October 13, 2015 – per diem and regular miles to Juneau; Bill Muche – Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Meeting on October 20, 2015 – per diem and 15 miles. Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 16, 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 Bischoff to adjourn at 9:45 AM, seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.

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Ed Nelson, Chair

  
Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

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

## LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

### (BILLS)

OfficeMax - Office Supplies =	\$	12.97
Robert Bird - August/September Expenses =	\$	31.88
Three Landowners - Land & Water Cost Share Payments =	\$	13,708.29
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<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,753.14</b>

### (REVENUE)

Twelve (12) FPP Program Participants - 2015 Service Fee Payments =	\$	300.00
Farmland Preservation Program - Late Penalty Fee Payments =	\$	275.00
Six (6) Small Packet Tree Orders =	\$	734.60
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<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,309.60</b>

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

September 29, 2015 - October 26, 2015

**Cost Share Agreements Signed**

<u>(Name)</u>	<u>(Cons. Practice)</u>	<u>(\$ Committed to Agreements)</u>
<b>Total</b>		

**Cost Share Payments to Landowners**

<u>(Name)</u>	<u>(Cons. Practice)</u>	<u>(\$ Expended)</u>
Prince Properties LLC	Manure Storage Closure	\$11,414.37
Joe Nied	Critical Area Stabilization	\$1,606.75
Erv Butzlaff	Critical Area Stabilization	\$687.17
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$13,708.29</b>

## **OCTOBER 2015 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT**

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

- Attended Cover Crop Field Day at the David Rinzel Farm on October 7<sup>th</sup>
- Reviewed air photos for Towns of Elba, Oak Grove and Hubbard to identify prospective projects and future contacts for soil erosion control and water quality protection work
- Called various counties to discuss issues related to irrigation of liquid manure
- Began selling small packets of trees for planting in spring 2016
- Sent out email to buffer ordinance ad hoc committee members to solicit their continued participation in an ad hoc committee to further explore additional actions to address nonpoint source runoff pollution