

Dodge County
Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes
127 East Oak Street
Juneau, WI 53039
May 23, 2016

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) met on May 23, 2016 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building. First order of business was election of committee officers.

Motion by Macheel, seconded by Adelmeyer to nominate Larry Bischoff for Chairman. There were no other nominations. Motion by Behl to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bischoff for Chairman, seconded by Macheel. Motion carried. Motion by Adelmeyer, seconded by Macheel, to nominate Allen Behl as Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations. Motion by Adelmeyer to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Behl as Vice Chairman, seconded by Derr. Motion carried. Motion by Behl, seconded by Foley, to nominate Lisa Derr as Secretary. There were no other nominations. Motion by Behl to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Derr as Secretary, seconded by Macheel. Motion carried.

Call to Order: This meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Bischoff at 8:35 AM with the following members present: Larry Bischoff, William Foley, Jerry Adelmeyer, Allen Behl, Lisa Derr, Dale Macheel. Excused: William Muche.

Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present: Marc Bethke, County Conservationist; John Bohonek, Conservation Engineering Technician.

Others Present: Ruth Johnson, Lake Siniissippi Improvement District

Approval of agenda and permit the Chair to deviate from agenda to efficiently conduct meeting:

Motion by Behl to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting; seconded by Derr. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Foley to approve the minutes of March 28, 2016 as sent by mail; seconded by Macheel. Motion carried.

Public appearances/comment: Ruth Johnson congratulated Marc Bethke on his excellent nominations for the Nonpoint Runoff Work Group. While she believes that an ordinance is necessary, she is cautiously optimistic that the committee will work its way toward a solution. She also feels that the drainage board recognizes the need to enforce the 20-foot buffer ordinance.

Agency Advisor Monthly Reports - There was no one present so no reports were made.

Review of bills and revenue: Marc Bethke reviewed bills and revenue as shown on the attached listing.

Consideration new and revised conservation plans: Motion by Gerry to approve signing one revised conservation plan, seconded by Lisa Derr. Motion carried.

Overview of Land Conservation Department programs and work activities: Marc gave the committee and new members an overview of programs including the Farmland Preservation Program (in which Dept of Revenue is involved). Nutrient Management Planning provides technical and educational

assistance to help prepare and follow a nutrient management plan. Robert Bird is primarily involved with this program. There is the Land & Water Cost-Share Program which controls soil erosion and reduces nonpoint source water pollution. There is a Small Packet Tree Sale Program started 13 years ago where Land Conservation has sold (in bundles of 25), a quarter of a million trees. Wildlife Crop Damage program compensates farmers after they have spent \$500. Approximately 20 hours a year are put into that program. With the Tree Planter Rental Program the planting machine which is rented out at the rate of \$20 for a thousand trees. A half dozen landowners use our tree planters each year. Land Conservation also provides assistance on federal programs, including the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) which keeps trees and grass adjacent to streams and waterways.

2016 Forestry Programs Report: Marc reported on the 2016 small packet tree sales program. It was reported that 20,500 trees were sold to just over 200 people, with a net return of right around \$5,200.00. It was also reported that five landowners rented Dodge County's tree planter, planting just over 4,000 trees this spring.

Consider and Approve 2016 Soil & Water Resource management (SWRM) Grant Contract: Land Conservation has finally received the 2016 Soil & Water Resource Management (SWRM) Grant Contract. Motion by Foley to approve and sign the 2016 SWRM Grant Contract; seconded by Macheel. Motion carried.

Southern Area Association Summer Tour – June 22, 2016 – Iowa County: Iowa County is hosting the annual Southern Area Association Summer tour on June 22, 2016. Committee members are encouraged to call Marc by the end of this week if deciding to attend.

County Conservationist Monthly Report: Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached). Marc resolved a personnel issue with the assistance of the County Board Administrator and Human Resources. Ten percent of people contacted for voluntary well testing in the Towns of Leroy and Lomira have similar levels of contaminants (including nitrates and bacteria) as they did last time. There will be a meeting for these landowners to hear the results of their samples on June 14, 2016. Marc has also worked with Dodge County participants in need of certificates of compliance from the Department of Revenue as well as handling manure spreading and stacking complaints.

Committee Member Reports: Dale Macheel presented regarding the Fox Lake Inland Lake District which has had two meetings. There was discussion about a recent incident of manure spreading that ran off into Fox Lake. In May a member spoke to the farmer directly about the incident and are going to suggest LCD for a nutrient plan which includes a manure spreading plan. This farm is 1000 feet from the lake and he is not supposed to have spread within 1000 feet or 200 feet from the surface inlet or 300 feet from a surface water body (ditch or stream.) Their May meeting discussed another runoff incident of flow into the lake.

Beaver Dam Lake Association has taken over maintenance of buoys from the Beaver Dam Lake Citizens Alliance. They finished stocking although the DNR will also stock. The Kayak pier was christened at Waterworks Park in Beaver Dam. BDLA also provided a soil erosion seminar for homeowners. The yearly banquet had over 376 people including younger families. June 4th will be a fish and fun to teach kids how to fish. They completed survey on improving habitats in the bays including shoreline. The survey included how the shoreline has changed in these 3 bays as well as the current condition. Changing the shoreline requires a permit of \$303.

Ruth Johnson gave a report on the Lake Sinnissippi District where they discussed helping LCD offset permit costs. She noted an increase in the goose population. She also noted a scientific inquiry called "Paddle and Probe" of the Rock River by two Whitewater students with equipment that measures dissolved solids and dissolved oxygen throughout the river.

Correspondence: Marc Bethke shared copies of a news article on the Livestock Water Recycling System which works on reducing the volume of manure and associated phosphorus within this manure.

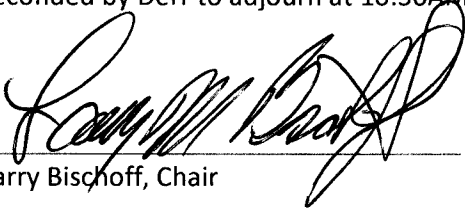
Per Diems: Allen Behl moved and Lisa Derr seconded that all regular per diems be paid, in addition to the following:

Dale Macheel – Fox Lake Inland Lake District Meetings on April 14th and May 12 – per diem and 22 miles for each meeting.

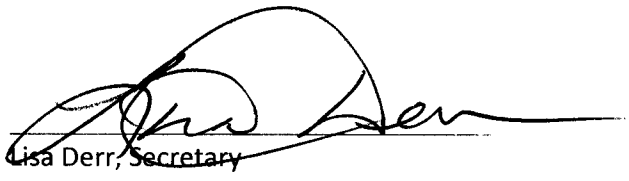
Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 27, 2016 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 Behl, seconded by Derr to adjourn at 10:30AM. Motion carried.



Larry Bischoff, Chair



Lisa Derr, Secretary