



LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE DECEMBER 8, 2016 - MINUTES

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Chairman David Richter at 9:00AM on December 8, 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
Robert Schweder
Joanne Guden
Arnold Dahlke, Jr., FSA Member

Excused:
Patti Garro

Staff Present: Paul Gunderson
Heidi Weishaar

Others Present: Harley Reabe
Kathy Schmit
Chris Hamerla

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Schweder/Dahlke) to approve and file the November 10, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPEARANCES

AIS GRANT

Chris Hamerla gave a report on the new grant application process and responsibilities for a future AIS coordinator. It has been determined that the likelihood of receiving a grant for an 8-county position vs the current 2-county position is much greater. Hamerla asked for financial backing from the LCC in order to make the application more appealing.

Motion/second (Schweder/Guden) to approve a \$3,000 financial commitment and letter of support for the 8-county grant application for the AIS coordinator.

MONTHLY STAFF REPORT & UPCOMING PROJECTS

Written report was reviewed.

LAKE AND RIVER REPORT

Written report was reviewed.

DATCP/COUNTY COST-SHARE CONTRACTS

GELHAR

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

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

The committee was informed of the Voluntary Waiver of Rights for Notice of Non-Compliance with Farmland Preservation Program Tax Credit Requirements signed by WILLIAM & ARLENE KOELLER REVOCABLE TRUST.

Dave Richter, LCC Chairman, signed to approve the Voluntary Waiver as representative for the LCC.

2017 CLEAN SWEEP AWARD

Gunderson reported the 2017 Clean Sweep grant award in the amount of \$12,550.

LAND CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM

Gunderson briefly explained the draft proposal for the Green Lake County Buffer Program. The committee members wanted time to review the details of the program and will continue discussion during the January 2017 meeting.

10:00AM – Joann Guden left the meeting

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Gunderson informed the committee of some possible future issues that were discussed at the Fall County Conservationist meeting. The issues include the Biennial Budget and the Governor proposing manure digesters as a possible solution to the phosphorus problems in the state.

POSTER CONTEST

Rules and registration packets for the new theme "HEALTHY SOILS ARE FULL OF LIFE" were delivered to all the schools and organizations in Green Lake County.

VOUCHERS – To be approved by the County Administrator from now on.

CORRESPONDENCE

Gunderson read an email from Jerry Spech complimenting the LCD on their work.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Dates: January 12, 2017 at 9:00AM in the Committee Room #0903 of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake.
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURN

Motion/second (Mehn/Schweder) to adjourn at 10:24 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar
Recorder