

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
Walworth County Government Center
County Board Room 114
100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Charlene Staples at 2:00 p.m.

Roll call was conducted. Members present included Vice Chair Daniel Kilkenny, Supervisor Nancy Russell, Chair Charlene Staples, and FSA Representative Sharon Travis. Citizen Member Rosemary Badame was absent. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance:

County Staff: David Bretl, County Administrator; Michael Cotter, Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM)/Deputy Corporation Counsel; Shannon Haydin, Deputy Director/County Conservationist; and Josie Hanrahan, Land Conservation Technician.

On motion by Supervisor Russell, second by FSA Representative Travis, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by Supervisor Russell, second by FSA Representative Travis, the November 12, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment – There was none.

New Business

- Introduction of new Land Conservation Technician – Josie Hanrahan
Deputy Director/County Conservationist Shannon Haydin introduced Josie Hanrahan as the new Land Conservation Technician. Hanrahan stated she is a graduate of UW-Whitewater and holds a degree in Environmental Science. Cotter, Haydin and Hanrahan collectively summarized the hiring process.
- 2019 WI Land + Water Conference Silent Auction
Haydin referred to Pages 4-5 of the packet and gave a brief overview of the Wisconsin Land + Water Conservation Association sample donation and thank you letters relating to the silent auction that will be held at the Association's annual conference located at The Grand Geneva on March 13-15, 2019. Haydin stated this would be a good opportunity to showcase local businesses within our community and offered to assist with the solicitation of donations. Personal donations will also be accepted. Haydin announced there is money in the budget for committee members to attend the conference; registration is March 1st; a brochure will be provided at the February Land Conservation Committee (LCC) meeting.

FSA Representative Travis announced she will be representing the Honey Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District at the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Conference that will be held in April in Stevens Point. Cotter requested Travis to report back to the LCC Committee.

- 2019 WI Land + Water Dues
Haydin gave a brief overview of the 2019 WI Land + Water Dues and recommended payment. The amount of \$2,435 is included in the 2019 budget. Cotter explained the purpose for placing this item on the agenda annually.

Supervisor Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Supervisor Russell, to approve payment of the 2019 WI Land + Water Dues. Motion carried 4-0.

▪ 2019 Conservation Poster Contest

Haydin stated the theme for the 2019 Conservation Poster Contest is “Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper”.

There were 28 participants who attend either Lakeland School or Traver School. Haydin requested that all committee members submit their final votes to either the Administrative Office or the Land Use and Resource Management Department (LURM). The results will be presented at the February LCC meeting. Discussion then focused on ways to promote future conservation poster contests.

▪ Correspondence from Michala Feigal/Benjamin Kort of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regarding Wisconsin Geographic Names Council and the recommended name change of Unnamed (WBIC 794300) to Stoney Creek

Haydin gave a brief overview of correspondence received from Michala Feigal and Benjamin Kort of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regarding a petition the state received requesting a name change of the Unnamed (WBIC 794300) tributary to Stoney Creek. During the discussion, Supervisor Kilkenny recommended the individual who petitioned for the name change contact Tony Peters relative to the Lake Comus Protection & Rehabilitation District – Lake Management Plan Grant Application to see if his talents could be utilized. Haydin asked if the committee wished to formalize the recommendation even though the deadline has passed.

Supervisor Kilkenny offered a motion, second by FSA Representative Travis, to approve the recommended name change of the Unnamed (WBIC 794300) tributary to Stoney Creek. Motion carried 4-0.

Confirmation of next meeting – The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, February 18, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, second by Supervisor Russell, the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Submitted by Trisha Sommers, Administrative Assistant. Meeting minutes are not considered final until approved by the committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.