

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 20, 2020 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 Chair Charlene Staples, Vice Chair Daniel Kilkenny, Supervisor Nancy Russell, and FSA Representative Sharon Travis. Citizen Member Rosemary Badame was absent. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance:

County Board Supervisors: Rick Stacey

County Staff: Corporation Counsel/Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Michael Cotter; Deputy Director of LURM/County Conservationist Shannon Haydin; County Administrator Mark Luberd, and Advisor to County Administrator David Bretl

Members of the public: Andrew Szymanskyj

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 minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting were approved.

Public Comment – There was none.

New Business

- 2020 WI Land + Water Dues

Deputy Director of LURM/County Conservationist Shannon Haydin gave a brief overview of the annual request for the 2020 WI Land + Water Dues, which includes the option of supporting Envirothon for an additional \$55. Envirothon is a statewide competition involving middle and high school children who attempt to solve problems out in the environment. Haydin will reach out to the area schools to garner additional interest. Corporation Counsel/Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Michael Cotter announced the children from the St. Peter’s Brickbusters Robotics Team will speak before the Park Committee in February relative to the work they are performing at the brownfield in the Village East Troy. Money is in the budget for the Standards Oversight Council (SOC) dues in the amount of \$350 and the County Dues in the amount of \$2,110. Haydin will have to find an additional \$55 for the Envirothon dues, if it were to be included. **FSA Representative Travis offered a motion, second by Supervisor Russell, to approve the 2020 WI Land + Water Dues, SOC, and to include the Envirothon fee for a total of \$2,515. Motion carried 4-0.**

- Pabst Lake District – Interview for new lake district representative – Laura Braund
Chair Staples asked Ms. Braund a series of questions regarding her qualifications, experience, desire to serve on the Pabst Lake District, and whether she had any conflicts of interest that would prohibit her from serving. Discussion followed. **Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Supervisor Russell, to approve the nomination of Laura Braund to the Pabst Lake District. Motion carried 4-0.**

- 2020 Conservation Poster Contest

Haydin gave a brief overview of the 2020 Conservation Poster Contest and stated the County received posters from 42 students. The theme this year was “Where Would We BEE Without Pollinators”. Discussion then focused on the distribution of information to science, social study, and art teachers within area schools during the month of August.

- Wood County Resolution # 19-12-20 – Supporting the proposed revisions to Ch. NR 151, Wis. Adm. Code, which will set newer Targeted Performance Standards and Prohibitions to abate pollution of groundwater by nitrate in areas of the state with highly permeable soils that are susceptible to groundwater contamination
Haydin stated the Ch. NR 151, Wis. Adm. Code sets the standards for runoff management and briefly explained the purpose of the referred resolution. **Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Supervisor Russell, to place Wood County Res. #19-12-20 on file.** Supervisor Russell stated eventually any revisions to Ch. NR 151 will be brought before the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) giving the committee an opportunity for further review. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- Correspondence from Andrew M. and Vicki L. Szymanskyj regarding request to vacate roadway
Cotter stated the Szymanskyj’s are following procedures laid out in Wisconsin Statute 82.10(4)(a)4, which states “The county land conservation committee in each county through which the road may pass” is subject to notice. Pursuant to that statute, this is Walworth County’s notice. Discussion followed. **Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by FSA Representative Travis, to place the Szymanskyj correspondence on file. Motion carried 4-0.**

- Update of the Walworth County Land and Water Management Plan
Haydin gave a brief overview of the Land and Water Resource Management Plan and stated this is a 10 year plan, which requires an update mid-way through. She said LURM will be considering and creating some language to be added relative to extreme weather along with goals and objectives that may be expected of the conservation department. Any proposed language and/or changes will be brought before the Land Conservation Committee (LCC) for their review prior to presenting the update to the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board in 2020.

- Changes to the State of Wisconsin’s Aquatic Invasive Species Funding
Haydin gave a brief overview of the Aquatic Invasive Species Program and stated this is a very competitive grant. Currently Delavan Lake is receiving \$4,000 and Lauderdale Lake is receiving \$6,000 in grant money from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). It is believed that Geneva Lake is initiating their own Clean Boat/Clean Lake Program. Haydin stated the change being proposed is that the DNR will give each county a specific allocation that they can either use for aquatic invasive species programs or the county can assign these funds to a “cooperator” to implement on the county’s behalf. Estimated funds for Walworth County is just over \$16,000. LURM will begin working on the structure and guidelines.

- Speaker’s Task Force on Water Quality Policy Recommendations
Haydin gave a brief overview of the 16 member, bipartisan Speaker’s Task Force on Water Quality and stated that she has spoken on behalf of the Area Conservation Association in the past. She said a couple of the recommendations having a direct impact on Walworth County is the additional funding for conservation programs and staffing, private well monitoring, and well compensation.

Confirmation of next meeting – The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, February 17, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

Cotter stated the Executive Committee has approved the LCC meeting schedule change from 2:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. beginning in March. In addition, the Monday meeting may be moved to Tuesday pending input from other Monday committees.

Adjournment

On motion by FSA Representative Travis, second by Supervisor Kilkenny, the meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.