

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 17, 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 2:50 p.m.

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

Others in Attendance:

County Staff: County Administrator Mark W. Luberda, Corporation Counsel/Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Michael Cotter; Deputy Director of LURM/County Conservationist Shannon Haydin; and LURM Sr. Rural Technician Brian Smetana.

Members of the public: Karen Yancey of the Geneva Lake Conservancy.

On motion by Supervisor Russell, second by Citizen Member Badame, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by Supervisor Russell, second by Citizen Member Badame, the minutes of the January 20, 2020 meeting were approved.

Public Comment – There was none.

New Business

- Discussion regarding committee meeting times

Corporation Counsel/Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Michael Cotter briefly summarized the proposed ordinance changes relative to committee meeting dates and times. He stated the Executive Committee has approved the Land Conservation Committee (LCC) change in meeting time from 2:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday. The idea of moving the LCC meeting date from Monday to Tuesday, is currently on hold. Citizen Member Badame stated she would not have any restrictions with moving the meetings from Monday to Tuesday.

Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Citizen Member Badame, making a recommendation to the Executive Committee to move the scheduled meeting time of the Land Conservation Committee from 2:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday. Motion carried 4-0.

- Farmland Preservation Non Compliance Recipients: Voluntary Waivers: DRM Land, LLC
LURM Sr. Rural Technician Brian Smetana gave a brief overview of the Voluntary Waiver of DRM Land, LLC and requested authorization for their removal from the Farmland Preservation Program. Smetana stated there is the option to reverse and reinstate DRM Land, LLC to the Farmland Preservation Program, provided they are in compliance. **Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Supervisor Russell, to accept the Voluntary Waiver of DRM Land, LLC removing themselves from the Farmland Preservation Program. Motion carried 4-0.**

- Resolutions for 2020 Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association Annual Business Meeting
 1. Resolution #1- Request to Require a 590 Nutrient Management Plan or Phosphorus-Based Recommendations for all Land Applications of Domestic Sludge and Industrial Wastes/By-Products
 2. Resolution #2- Request to Require, and Allow the Enforcement of, an Annual 590 Nutrient Management Plan on “Existing” Cropland and Pastures Without the Requirement of a Cost-Sharing Offer to the Landowner.Deputy Director of LURM/County Conservationist Shannon Haydin stated there are two advisory resolutions being presented at the 2020 Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association Annual Business Meeting. She gave a brief overview of each resolution and explained how they will impact Walworth County. Haydin expressed

concerns with language contained in Resolution #2. Smetana spoke briefly about the different nutrient management plans and potential elimination of the cost-sharing offer to the landowner. **Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Citizen Member Badame, authorizing Shannon Haydin to vote in favor of Resolution #1 and to vote in opposition of Resolution #2.** Discussion then focused on how the resolutions would affect Kikkoman. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- Presentation from Geneva Lake Conservancy “Conservation at Home”
Haydin stated while agriculture is a contributing factor to poor water quality, there are other contributing factors. Karen Yancey of the Geneva Lake Conservancy was asked to give a presentation on conservation practices for the private landowner. Yancey distributed a Conservation @ Home Landowner Check List and proceeded to give a brief presentation entitled Conservation at Home. Yancey concluded by stating the Geneva Lake Conservancy has a goal of visiting, evaluating, and educating 30 private landowners this year. Discussion ensued.
- 2020 Conservation Poster Contest
Haydin referred to Page 9 of the packet and gave a brief overview of the 2020 Conservation Poster Contest Results. Discussion ensued. Recognition was given to Conservation Technician Josie Hanrahan for her donation of a \$5 Culver gift card to the top 3 winners in each category. Haydin stated she will reach out to the parents of the winners of each category to see if their children would be able to appear before the County Board. Haydin will also reach out to various news reporters to see if they would be willing to place a Press Release and/or a picture of the winners in their newspaper. Cotter stated this topic will be brought back to the LCC, once the results of the state competition have been announced.

Confirmation of next meeting – The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, March 16, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion by Vice Chair Kilkenny, second by Supervisor Russell, the meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

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