

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 16, 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 (arrived at 2:04 p.m.), Citizen Member Rosemary Badame, and FSA Representative Sharon Travis. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance:

County Staff: Deputy Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM)/County Conservationist Shannon Haydin.

Members of the public: Kettle Moraine Land Trust Executive Director Greg Rajscky.

On motion by Vice Chair Kilkenny, second by Citizen Member Badame, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by Vice Chair Kilkenny, second by Citizen Member Badame, the minutes of the February 17, 2020 meeting were approved.

Public Comment – There was none.

New Business

- 2020 Statewide Conservation Poster Contest Results

Deputy Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM)/County Conservationist Shannon Haydin stated the 2020 Statewide Conservation Poster Contest was pretty competitive and a list of the individuals who placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd is included in the packet.

- Update of the Walworth County Land and Water Management Plan; Citizens Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee

Haydin provided an update relative to the Walworth County Land and Water Resource Management Plan (LWRM); Citizens Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee (Pages 5-34.) Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) is scheduled to present the LWRM Plan to the Wisconsin Land and Water Resources Board in October of 2020. LURM will be working with the Citizens Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee to collect data that will be included in the LWRM Plan; develop a list of issues, goals and objectives; and devise an implementation strategy.

- Wisconsin NR 151 Targeted Performance Standards for Nitrate: Technical Advisory Committee
Haydin stated the Wisconsin Administrative Code Section NR 151 manages performance standards for non-point runoff, both urban and rural. She said there is a new targeted performance standard being developed under the NR 151, specifically for nitrate in ground water, and explained how it will effect Walworth County. Haydin will participate on the nitrate Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which is tasked to identify sensitive areas and then set standards. Haydin will continue to provide updates to the Land Conservation Committee. Discussion ensued.
- Wisconsin Counties Association Magazine Spotlight: Charlene Staples
Haydin announced Chair Staples was featured in the March 2020 Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Magazine (Pages 39-50.)
- Senate Bill 723 Relating to County Conservation Staffing

Haydin stated Senate Bill 723 (SB 723) has passed through the committees and is to be taken up on the Senate floor for a vote. If SB 723 were to pass, Walworth County could benefit by receiving an additional \$60,000-\$65,000 for staffing from the Soil, Water and Resource Management fund. Discussion then focused on whether or not a resolution should be created for consideration in April, in the event the March Senate session is postponed. Haydin offered to e-mail information to those interested in soliciting calls in support of SB 723 to the Senators representing Walworth County. **Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Supervisor Russell, to create a resolution in support of Senate Bill 723 Relating to County Conservation Staffing. Motion carried 5-0**

Confirmation of next meeting – The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, April 27, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Meeting time is subject to change to 1:00 p.m. pending resolution.

Adjournment

On motion by FSA Representative Travis, second by Citizen Member Badame, the meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

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