

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 27, 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 Michael Cotter, Corporation Counsel/Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) at 2:09 p.m.

Roll call confirmed all members were present either in person or remotely: Supervisors Brian Holt, Daniel Kilkenny, Nancy Russell; and Citizen Member Rosemary Badame. FSA Representative Sharon Travis was absent. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance:

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

On motion by Supervisor Russell, second by Supervisor Kilkenny, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, second by Citizen Member Badame, the minutes of the March 16, 2020 meeting were approved.

Public Comment – There was none.

▪ **Chairperson Nominations/Elections**

Cotter announced that nominations for the Land Conservation Committee Chairperson were open.

On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, second by Supervisor Russell, Supervisor Brian Holt was nominated for Land Conservation Committee Chairperson. Cotter asked if there were any other nominations.

Hearing none, **Supervisor Kilkenny moved to close nominations, second by Supervisor Russell. Motion carried 4-0. Supervisor Holt was unanimously elected as Land Conservation Committee Chairperson.**

▪ **Vice-Chairperson Nominations/Elections**

Chair Holt announced that nominations for the Land Conservation Committee Vice-Chairperson were open.

On motion by Supervisor Russell, second by Chair Holt, Supervisor Dan Kilkenny was nominated for Land Conservation Committee Vice-Chairperson. Chair Holt asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing

none, **Supervisor Russell moved to close nominations, second by Citizen Member Badame. Motion carried 4-0. Supervisor Kilkenny was unanimously elected as Land Conservation Committee Vice-Chairperson.**

▪ **Role and Responsibilities of the Land Conservation Committee**

Deputy Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM)/County Conservationist Shannon Haydin gave a brief overview of the role and responsibilities of the Land Conservation Committee as indicated in Section 2-143 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances (Page 5-6.)

New Business

▪ **Lake District Representatives**

Cotter stated every two years the Lake District Representative terms expire. He explained how Land Conservation Committee (LCC) members are given the first opportunity to serve on a Lake District of their choice; the opportunity is then offered to the County Board Supervisors, and finally to citizen representatives. Cotter asked Administrator Mark W. Luberda to solicit the County Board through his Update and Report to see if there is any interest in serving on a Lake District. Citizen Representative Badame agreed to continue serving on the Potters Lake Rehabilitation District. Haydin will inquire as to the intentions of FSA Representative Sharon Travis who is

currently serving on the Honey Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District and Supervisor Pruessing who is currently serving on the Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District. It is anticipated this matter will be brought before the Land Conservation Committee in May and potentially again in June.

- Land and Water Conservation Plan Update

Haydin referred to and gave a brief overview of her Memorandum and updated Walworth County Land and Water Resource Management Plan (Pages 8-29.) It is anticipated the updated plan will be presented to the Wisconsin Land and Water Resources Board in October of 2020.

- 2020 Soil and Water Resource Management Program Work Plan

Haydin briefly summarized her Memorandum (Page 30) and explained the purpose for the updated Walworth County 2020 Annual Work Plan (Pages 31-36.) Haydin asked if the Committee had any alterations to the plan. Due date for submission of the work plan, along with application for the funding, is May 15th. Discussion then focused on items that have been added to the plan. **Supervisor Russell offered a motion, second by Vice-Chair Kilkenny, to approve the Walworth County 2020 Annual Work Plan. Motion carried 4-0.**

- Recommendation of Geneva Lake Conservancy for the Gathering Waters' Land Conservation Leadership Awards Land Trust of the Year Award

Haydin stated the Geneva Lake Conservancy asked if Walworth County would consider nominating the Conservancy for the Gathering Waters' Land Conservation Leadership Awards Land Trust of the Year Award. A summary of Geneva Lake Conservancy's accomplishments can be found on Page 40. Haydin asked if the Committee wished to nominate the Conservancy. Discussion ensued. **Vice-Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Supervisor Russell, to nominate the Geneva Lake Conservancy for the Land Trust of the Year Award and to direct Haydin and her staff to prepare the 2020 Nomination Form for Chair Holt's signature. Motion carried 4-0.**

- Correspondence from Dan and Barb Ouimet regarding dog waste from Spring Green to Mallard Ridge Landfill, Walworth County

Haydin stated the Ouimet correspondence was referred to the Land Conservation Committee by the County Board and explained the Committee's options. Cotter stated Walworth County is merely being notified as to the transportation of animal waste to the Mallard Ridge Landfill. **Supervisor Russell offered a motion, second by Vice-Chair Kilkenny, to place the Ouimet correspondence on file. Discussion ensued. Motion carried 4-0.**

Confirmation of next meeting – The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, May 18, 2020, 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Russell, second by Citizen Member Badame, the meeting adjourned at 2:34 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.