

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 16, 2022
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114
100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Holt at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call was conducted and the following members were present, either in person or by remote attendance: Chair Brian Holt; Vice Chair Sheila Reiff; Supervisor Rick Stacey; and Citizen Member Richard Kuhnke, Jr. Sharon Travis was absent. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance either in person or remotely:

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

Public Comment – There was none.

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

On motion by Supervisor Stacey, second by Vice Chair Reiff, the minutes of the April 25, 2022, Land Conservation Committee meeting were approved.

6. Introduction of new LURM Deputy Director/County Conservationist: Mandy Bonneville
Corporation Counsel/Director-Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Michael Cotter announced a couple of vacant positions in the Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Department will soon be filled and that changes are occurring within code enforcement procedures relative to cross training of job duties/responsibilities. He anticipates that these changes will assist with employee retention and help eliminate permitting delays. Cotter then introduced Deputy Director of LURM/County Conservationist Mandy Bonneville who provided a brief overview of her educational and work related achievements.

7. Lake District Representatives

Cotter referred to Page 5 of the packet and noted the Booth Lake Management District Representative position that remains vacant. Cotter does not foresee difficulties in finding a citizen representative to fill the position and expressed concern with finding an individual who is interested in the well-being of Walworth County, while supporting and intentions of the Land Conservation Committee (LCC).

Cotter explained the option of potentially re-appointing Sharon Travis as a regular citizen member to the Honey Lake Protection and Rehabilitation rather than as the Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committee Member.

Cotter suggested holding off the slate of Lake District appointments in an attempt to interview and fill the Booth Lake Management District Representative position during the June LCC meeting, with final approval moving on to the County Board in July. Discussion ensued.

8. Correspondence from Lauderdale Lake Management District regarding LURM drone

Cotter gave a brief overview of correspondence from Dean Bostrom, President of the Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District (LLLMD) inquiring if Walworth County would be receptive to discussing the potential use of the county's drone with the LLLMD. Bonneville noted there is no guidance currently in place as to utilization of the county's drone. Chair Holt expressed concern with providing drone footage at the request of lake districts for

their own enforcement purposes. Cotter and Bonneville collaboratively narrated a brief presentation of drone footage and expressed the need for balancing the privacy rates by blurring out any unwanted clips when panning and zooming. Discussion ensued.

Supervisor Stacey offered a motion, second by Vice Chair Reiff, directing the Land Use and Resource Management Department to not specifically fly at the request of a lake district unless it is in conjunction with another program that will benefit LURM or some other circumstance that arose. Motion carried.

9. Requests by the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District and the Village of Darien to Amend the Darien Sanitary Sewer Service Area
Cotter provided an explanation of the basic procedures followed relative to the expansion of sewerage districts and noted LCC is given an opportunity to provide their input purely in an advisory capacity. Cotter gave a brief overview of the memorandum received by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) and noted the options available to the committee, which are to acknowledge receipt of the memorandum and to place it on file or to forward a resolution either in favor or opposition of the proposed expansion.

Supervisor Stacey offered a motion, second by Vice Chair Reiff, to place the memorandum on file. Chair Holt recommended putting forth a resolution and stated advisory information is useful to any committee tasked with making a decision relative to the expansion of a sewerage district; it also forces said committee to take a second look upon advisory information received. **Stacey and Reiff withdrew their motion.** Cotter directed the committee to the Concluding Recommendation on Page 9 and noted the consistencies with the various plan(s) reviewed by SEWRPC.

Supervisor Stacey offered a motion, second by Vice Chair Reiff, to create an advisory resolution regarding requests by the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District and the Village of Darien to Amend the Darien Sanitary Sewer Service Area, as indicated in the memorandum from SEWRPC. Motion carried.

Confirmation of next meeting – The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, June 20, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion and second by Supervisor Stacey and Vice Chair Reiff, Chair Holt adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.