

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors  
Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 18, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.  
Walworth County Government Center  
County Board Room 114  
100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

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

Roll call confirmed all members were present either in person or remotely: Chair Brian Holt, 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 members: Supervisor Ryan Simons

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

**On motion by FSA Representative Travis, second by Vice Chair Kilkenny, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.**

**On motion by Supervisor Russell, second by Vice Chair Kilkenny, the minutes of the April 27, 2020 meeting were approved.**

**Public Comment** – There was none.

**New Business**

▪ **Lake District Representatives**

Corporation Counsel/Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Michael Cotter stated all County Lake District Representatives currently serving have indicated they wish to continue. Lake Comus is the only lake district with a vacancy. Cotter said there are four interviews that need to be performed and asked if there were any objections to conducting those interviews by phone. Hearing none, the interviews will be conducted at the June Land Conservation Committee (LCC) meeting. LURM will continue searching for a Lake Comus nominee.

▪ **Updated on Lesser Celandine and other Invasive Species of Immediate Concern**

Deputy Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM)/County Conservationist Shannon Haydin spoke briefly regarding a large area of Lesser Celandine spreading through the north shore of Geneva Lake and stated it has not been successfully eradicated. LURM has been contacted by a property owner on Whitewater Lake who has identified Lesser Celandine on properties around the lakefront. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has been contacted with very little response. It is LURM's intent to notify other lake organizations of this spread. After further discussion, Chair Holt asked LURM to contact Supervisor Jerry Grant who is serving on the Whitewater Lake District and ask him to relay the information that Lesser Celandine has been found on properties around Whitewater Lake and perhaps they will report it in their newsletter. Holt also requested LURM place this matter on the June LCC agenda and to provide an update as to the DNR's response, if any.

▪ **Land and Water Conservation Plan Update Progress**

Haydin gave a brief update on the Land and Water Conservation Plan. See Page 8 of the packet for more information. Haydin stated she will continue to update the Land Conservation Committee as to the progress of the Land and Water Conservation Plan.

- 2021 Conservation Poster Contest

Haydin stated this year's poster contest theme is, "Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities". See Page 9 for more information. LURM will attempt to generate more interest and participation by reaching out directly to K-5 teachers, as well as middle and high school science, art, and agriculture teachers at each of the schools in Walworth County. Haydin will also try to contact the Kettle Moraine Trust to see if they are aware of any potential participants. Cotter stated he will contact the *Marquette County Tribune* relative to the conservation poster contest to help generate more interest.

**Confirmation of next meeting** – The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, June 15, 2020, 1:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

**On motion by FSA Representative Travis, second by Supervisor Russell, the meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.**

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Submitted by Patricia Sommers, Administrative Assistant. Meeting minutes were approved at the June 15, 2020 Land Conservation Committee meeting.