

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 20, 2019 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, Supervisor Nancy Russell, Citizen Member Rosemary Badame and FSA Representative Sharon Travis. Vice Chair Daniel Kilkenny was absent. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance:

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

On motion by Supervisor Nancy Russell, second by FSA Representative Sharon Travis, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

FSA Representative Travis offered a motion, seconded by Supervisor Russell, to approve the March 18, 2019 Land Conservation Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment – There was none.

New Business

- Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality Hearings-Shannon Haydin

Speaker Vos put together the task force to talk about ground water quality. Informational hearings will be held throughout the State. Haydin encouraged members to attend a hearing. The next meeting is scheduled for May 29th in Janesville. There will be another one in Racine, but the date is not yet set. She wanted to bring it to the attention of the Committee in case they would be interested in participating. She said it will be an all-day event, starting around 9 or 10 a.m. and lasting through the day. Haydin advised arriving early if you would like to speak. Rock County has been very active with ground water concerns, particularly high nitrate levels. A portion of the event will be the Health Officer from Rock County speaking on ground water issues. Haydin will share more information as to dates as the information is released. She added the meetings will tend to be geared somewhat towards the area where the meeting is taking place, to address unique issues.

- Representative Novak's Potential Budget Amendment to Restore Conservation Funding-Shannon Haydin

Haydin said this is an interesting time for the conservation office. Representative Novak is from the Dodgeville area and is part of the budget process. He is proposing an amendment that would restore money to the budget to fund conservation positions, and if passed, would grant Walworth County \$65,000 for an additional position in LURM. Haydin wanted members to be aware of this proposed change and if possible, contact representatives to show support for it. **Supervisor Russell made a motion, seconded by FSA Representative Travis to pass a resolution in favor of restoring full conservation funding. Motion carried 4-0.**

- **“Keeping it Blue”-Shannon Haydin**

Haydin referenced the handout related to the “Keeping It Blue” event on May 31st in room 214 at the Walworth County Government Center. The Geneva Lake Conservancy and Geneva Lake Environmental Association put the event together. People from around the county are welcome to attend. The event was created to try and bridge the knowledge gap between the lakes and farms, and the effects they have on each other and water conditions. Members of the LURM staff, including Haydin, will be presenting information along with others. Todd Ames from the DNR will be there to speak as well.

Confirmation of next meeting – The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, June 17, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion by FSA Representative Travis, second by Supervisor Russell, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Submitted by Betsy Stanek, Administrative Clerk II. Meeting minutes are not considered final until approved by the committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.