

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 15, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
Walworth County Government Center
County Board Room 114
100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

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

Roll call was conducted. Members present included Chair Brian Holt, Vice Chair Daniel Kilkenny, Supervisor Nancy Russell, Citizen Member Rosemary Badame (arrived at 1:05 p.m.) and FSA Representative Sharon Travis. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance either in person or by remotely:

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.

Members of the public: Mariette Nowak and Marilee Holst.

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

On motion by FSA Representative Travis, second by Supervisor Russell, the minutes of the May 18, 2020 meeting were approved. Russell made an inquiry and confirmed Corporation Counsel/Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Michael Cotter used the language “Cotter stated he will contact the *Marquette County Tribune* relative to the conservation poster contest to help generate more interest.” found on Page 4 of the minutes. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Public Comment – There was none.

New Business

- Lake District Representative Interviews
 - Booth Lake District – Stanley Muzatko
 - Pabst Lake District – Laura Braund
 - Pleasant Lake District – Jan Baker

Cotter distributed the standard interview questions to the committee and gave a brief overview of the three Lake District candidates. He stated the three candidates will then be recommended to the County Board for approval.

Chair Holt asked Mr. Muzatko a series of questions regarding his qualifications, experience, desire to serve on the Booth Lake District, and whether he had any conflicts of interest that would prohibit him from serving. **Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by FSA Representative Travis, to approve Stanley Muzatko to the Booth Lake District. Motion carried 5-0.**

Chair Holt asked Ms. Braund a series of questions regarding her qualifications, experience, desire to serve on the Pabst Lake District, and whether she had any conflicts of interest that would prohibit her from serving. **Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Supervisor Russell, to approve Laura Braund to the Pabst Lake District. Motion carried 5-0.**

Chair Holt asked Ms. Baker a series of questions regarding her qualifications, experience, desire to serve on the Pleasant Lake District, and whether she had any conflicts of interest that would prohibit her from serving. **Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Citizen Member Badame, to approve Jan Baker to the Pleasant Lake District. Motion carried 5-0.**

- Update on Lesser Celandine and other Invasive Species of Immediate Concern – Whitewater Lake response
Deputy Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM)/County Conservationist Shannon Haydin referred to Pages 8-10 of the packet and gave a brief update on Lesser Celandine. Chair Holt requested the Update on Lesser Celandine and other Invasive Species of Immediate Concern be placed on the February 2021 Land Conservation Committee meeting agenda. Supervisor Russell suggested contacting and sharing information regarding the identification and transference of Lesser Celandine and other invasive species with any individual, company, or organization that mows around or near the lakes and to have them report any findings. This should be done prior to the landscaping season.

- Flooding in Walworth County Seepage Lakes
Haydin gave a brief overview of the various ongoing efforts to deal with/alleviate flooding in the seepage lakes within Walworth County and referred to Pages 11-14 of the packet. It is anticipated the flooding issues across the various landscapes will continue to be a problem. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Holt and Cotter collaboratively suggested putting together some information to be included in one of the Administrator’s Report and Update that will inform the Supervisors of the ongoing flooding and seepage issues. This should also help the Supervisors guide landowners in flooded areas as to their options.

- Southeast Area Land and Water Conservation Association
Haydin stated the Southeast Area Land and Water Conservation Association is a group of counties that make up Southeast Wisconsin and formed their own conservation association. Elections were held on June 2nd to elect officers prior to the required June 20th date. Haydin referred to Page 15 of the packet, which details the results of the election. Haydin was re-elected as President and Supervisor Brian Holt was elected as Vice President of the 2020 – Southeast Area Executive Board and Appointees. Supervisor Brian Holt was elected as the LCC Alternate and Haydin was elected as the LCD Alternate of the 2020 – WI Land + Water Board Representatives – Southeast Area. Supervisor Russell thanked and congratulated Haydin and Holt for their appointments and stated it is great to have so much representation with both of these organizations.

- Land Conservation Committee Handbook and Trainings from Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association
Haydin gave a brief overview of the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association – Land Conservation Committee Handbook 2020-2022 that was included in each of the Committee member’s packets. Haydin announced the June training that was to take place in the Lake Geneva area has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Confirmation of next meeting – The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, July 20, 2020, 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion by Vice Chair Kilkenny, second by Citizen Member Badame, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Submitted by Patricia Sommers, Administrative Assistant. Meeting minutes were approved at the July 20, 2020 Land Conservation Committee meeting.