

Walworth County Land Conservation Committee

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Monday, April 26, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.

Walworth County Board Room 114
Elkhorn, WI 53121

The meeting was called to order by LURM Director, Michael Cotter at 1:34 p.m.

Roll call - Committee members present included: Supervisors Kilkenny and Grant, Citizen Member Burwell and USDA/FSA Representative Henningfeld. Supervisor Hawkins was absent. A quorum was declared.

County staff present – David Bretl, County Administrator; Michael Cotter, Director of Land Use & Resource Management (LURM); Louise Olson, Deputy Director, LURM; and Joeann Douglas, Recording Secretary.

Also in attendance –. Nancy Russell, Walworth County Board Chair

Approval of the Agenda – **Supervisors Grant and Kilkenny moved and seconded approval of the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.**

Approval of the Minutes – **Citizen Member Burwell and USDA/FSA Representative Henningfeld moved and seconded approval of the January 13, February 9, 15 and 23 minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Chair Nominations – **Supervisor Grant nominated Supervisor Kilkenny; there were no other nominations. Supervisor Grant and Citizen Member Burwell moved and seconded to close nominations. Motion carried 4-0**

Chair Election – **Supervisor Grant and Citizen Member Burwell moved and seconded to elect Supervisor Kilkenny as Chair. Motion carried 4-0.**

Vice-Chair Nominations/Election – **Chair Kilkenny and Citizen Member Burwell moved and seconded to elect Supervisor Grant as Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations. Citizen Member Burwell and USDA/FSA Representative Henningfeld moved to close the nominations and unanimously elect Supervisor Grant as Vice-Chair. Motion carried 4-0.**

Role of the Land Conservation Committee Presentation – Louise Olson gave a review of the different partnerships and the most up-to-date statutes: Ch 33 deals with Public Inlet Waters. Some of the LCC members and citizen members sit on the lake districts which go hand-in-hand with the Land Conservation Committee's duties. Ch 91 (dated 12/30/09) deals with the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP). LCC's role is not a zoning role, but rather a soil and water conservation role. Those participating in FPP must have a soil and water conservation plan. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue receives a list from the Conservation Division of those participants who have a current conservation plan. The zoning portion is in our Land Use Plan and is not the LCC responsibility. The LCC will be working jointly on the Farmland Preservation Plan as required in Ch 91. Under Ch 92 is the soil and water, conservation and animal waste. It specifically addresses the formation of the LCC and the representation at a local level. Ch 93 gives rules to DATCP who in turn tells the LCC what should be followed. The technical staff and Ms Olson act on behalf of the LCC. The Conservation Division obtains and regulates the grants issued to the various landowners to put in

conservation practices which are signed by Ms Olson as the LCC representative. At an upcoming meeting there will be a clarification of what Ms Olson is signing on LCC's behalf to assure better transparency. The Land Conservation Handbook and the Land and Water Progress Report was also provided.

Lake Management District Representative Appointments – Michael Cotter reiterated the order of the appointments with the LCC having first choice followed by county board members and then interested citizens. Citizen Member Burwell will remain on Lake Comus and Lauderdale Lakes; Jerry Grant will remain on Whitewater-Rice Lake. Ms Olson has started contacting people. Mr. Cotter said in one of the upcoming meetings we will again bring up the full roster. David Bretl reminded the LCC there are three new county board members who may be interested. **Citizen Member Burwell and USDA/FSA Representative Henningfeld moved and seconded to table the list for one month and direct the Administrator to notify county board members of their right to request appointments. Motion carried 4-0.** Mr. Bretl will first check with Mr. Stacey regarding continuing his Beulah Lake appointment.

Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association's Thursday Note – Louise Olson reminded the LCC the WLWCA is the state entity similar to the Wisconsin Counties Association and they represent the LCC on a state level. There is also a Southeastern Area Association representing the 7 southeastern counties including Walworth. Ms. Olson will ask the *Thursday Note* to be sent to Mr. Grant's county address.

Racine County Resolution No. 2009-121 Supporting Aggressive Action to Prevent Asian Carp from Entering the Lake Michigan and Great Lakes Watersheds – Mr. Cotter said this was referred from the County Board. Citizen Member Burwell said inter-county cooperation may be useful when Walworth County is looking for support in the future and the Asian carp does pose a threat to Walworth County. **Supervisor Grant and Citizen Member Burwell moved and seconded to draft a resolution supporting aggressive action to prevent Asian Carp from entering the Lake Michigan and Great Lakes Watershed.** Mr. Bretl suggested only sending it at the state level and not the federal level. **The motion was amended to send it to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Attorney General, and Walworth County's state legislative delegation. Motion carried 4-0.** A courtesy copy will be sent to Racine County.

Outagamie County Resolution No. 145-2009-10, Supporting Dairy Farm Modernization and Expansion Credit – Mr. Cotter said this was referred from the County Board. It was pointed out that the 2009 state legislative session is expired and more information is needed before supporting a tax policy. **Citizen Member Burwell and Supervisor Grant moved and seconded placing the resolution on file. Motion carried 4-0.**

Next Meeting Date – Monday, May 10, 2010, 1:30 p.m. Special Joint CZA/LCC Farmland Preservation Plan Meeting with the regular LCC Meeting Monday, May 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment – **On motion and second by USDA/FSA Representative Henningfeld and Citizen Member Burwell Chair Kilkenny adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:12 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.**

Submitted by Joeann Douglas, Recording Secretary. Minutes are not considered final until approved by the committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.