

Walworth County Land Conservation Committee

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Monday, October 18, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.

Walworth County Board Room 114

Elkhorn, WI 53121

The meeting was called to order by LCC Chair Kilkenny at 1:32 p.m.

Roll call - Committee members present included: Supervisors Kilkenny, Grant, Citizen Member Burwell. A quorum was declared. Hawkins and Henningfeld were excused.

County staff present – David Bretl, County Administrator; Michael Cotter, Director of Land Use & Resource Management (LURM); Louise Olson, Deputy Director, LURM; Fay Amerson, Urban Manager, LURM; Olson, Recording Secretary.

Also in attendance – Nancy Russell, Walworth County Board Chair; David Terrall, USDA./APHIS; Shirley Grant and Maggie Zoellner, KMLT.

Approval of the Agenda – **Supervisors Grant and Citizen Member Burwell moved and seconded approval of the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.**

Approval of the Minutes – **Citizen Member Burwell and Supervisor Grant moved and seconded approval of the September 20, 2010 LCC meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

Public Comment – None

Crop Prices determined for Wildlife Abatement Claims – David Terrall, USDA/APHIS distributed 2010 Crop Prices for Walworth County. Walworth County price proposals were based on state averages and for claims on wildlife damage. Supervisor Grant wondered about apple orchards, those are usually handled through fencing paid for are separate issues as explained not addressed through the claim process. Burwell amended the damaged price proposal for the following: corn price from \$3,48/Bushel to \$4.00; soybean price from \$9.11/Bushel to \$11.00; thus leaving the remaining prices as set forth as submitted by USDA/APHIS. **Citizen Member Burwell and Grant moved and seconded as amended. Motion carried 3-0. A copy is on file.**

Price County Resolution No. 37-10 Supporting the Legislative Council Study on Managed Forest Land Program; referred from the Walworth County Board of Supervisors – Forest land not being taxed to cover costs of county and educational services and that should be studied further for fairness related to taxation. **Supervisors Burwell and Grant moved and seconded to support this resolution to study these concerns. A resolution will be forwarded onto the County Board of Supervisors. Motion carried 3-0.**

2010 WLWCA Annual Conference Business Meeting Registration and Proxy Form – Louise Olson indicated that the conference begins on December 9 and end on the 10th of 2010, with registration deadline being November 5, 2010. Dorothy Burwell, as representative, would be required to obtain approval from the Land Conservation Committee, Chair to submit a voting proxy. **Supervisors Grant and Kilkenny delegated authority for a voting proxy to be submitted to the WLWCA Board. Motion carried. A copy will be submitted to WLWCA prior to December 9-10 Conference. Motion carried 3-0.** Silent Auction items for this conference can be obtained and given to Dorothy Burwell as LCC representative.

WLWCA Recommended Bylaw Amendments – Supervisor Burwell review some of the WLWCA amendments as highlighted in the packet, making note of the fact the County that hosts the Conservation Farmer of the Year and Conservation Observance Day will have their dues waived for that year. **Supervisors Burwell and Grant moved to support these Bylaw Amendments. Motion carried 3-0.**

Farmland Preservation Plan Update - Fay Amerson updated the committee on the plan status and provided additional statistics that need to be considered as part of the plan context. The information was provided through "*The Land Use Tracker*", *Volume 10, Issue 2, Fall 2010*. Ms. Amerson will follow up how these statistics were obtained. The NEW Farmland Preservation Plan will include agriculture supportive industries and specialty crops. Several training sessions are scheduled throughout the state, staff will be attending the Jefferson session to insure the county's farmland preservation plan is on the right track. Supervisors were given a listing of date, time and place of the various training locations. A copy is on file.

Next Meeting Date – Monday, November 15, 2010, 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment – **On motion and second by Supervisor Grant and Burwell, Chair Kilkenny adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.**

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