

## Walworth County Land Conservation Committee

### MINUTES

Monday, October 17, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

Walworth County Board Room 114  
Elkhorn, WI 53121

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The meeting was called to order by LCC Vice-Chair Grant at 1:30 p.m.

Roll call - Committee members present included: Supervisors, Grant, Hawkins, USDA/FSA Representative Bellman and Citizen Member Burwell. Supervisor Kilkenny was absent, excused. 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; Matt Weidensee, Associate Planner; Neal Frauenfelder, Sr. Planner; and Joeann Douglas, Recording Secretary.

Also in attendance – Nancy Russell, Walworth County Board Chair; David Terrall, USDA Wildlife Services.

Approval of the Agenda – **Supervisor Hawkins and Citizen Member Burwell moved and seconded approval of the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.**

Approval of the Minutes – **Supervisors Hawkins and USDA/FSA Representative Bellman moved and seconded approval of the September 19, 2011 LCC meeting minutes. Motion carried 4-0.**

Public Comment – none

USDA Wildlife Abatement Program, Wildlife Program Budget and Crop Approvals – David Terrall, handed out copies of the 2011 Crop Price Proposal for Walworth County and the 2012 Walworth WDACP Preliminary Budget. After discussion, **Supervisor Hawkins and USDA/FSA Representative Bellman moved and seconded approval of the crop price proposals as presented. Motion carried 4-0** David Terrall then explained the Preliminary Budget was a pass through with no direct cost to Walworth County. **Citizen Member Burwell and Supervisor Hawkins moved and seconded approval of the Wildlife Program Preliminary Budget as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

Walworth County Potters Lake Representative Replacement – Louise Olson explained that Roy Lightfield left a verbal message that he no longer wanted to be on any county committees. A written letter of resignation has not been submitted as the county's Potter's Lake Representative, which negates the need for a replacement until May 1, 2012 after the County Board elections. Discussion followed regarding this sensitive issue while following the Walworth County Code of Ordinances [Section 2-143(d)(3)]. Ms. Olson will e-mail an explanation to Barry Bonneau, Potter's Lake P&R District Chair and Dale Marciniak who sent a Notice of Interest to Serve.

WLWCA Voting Proxy – Louise Olson. **Supervisor Hawkins and USDA/FSA Representative Bellman moved and seconded appointment of Dorothy Burwell as the official delegate who has authority to vote at the WLWCA annual meeting December 9, 2011. Motion carried 4-0.** Louise Olson provided the voting proxy form for Vice Chair Grant's signature.

WLWCA 2011 Annual Conference Registration and Silent Auction – Louise Olson. Dorothy Burwell will be attending the conference. Vice Chair Grant will be donating a bottle of wine to the silent auction. Ms Olson distributed auction forms in case anyone else wanted to provide auction items

WLWCA/WALCE Possible Merger – Louise Olson. Ms. Olson explained advantages of the merger of WLWCA comprised of Land Conservation Committees and WALCE comprised of Land Conservation Employees. **Supervisor Hawkins and USDA/FSA Representative Bellman moved and seconded to have staff write a letter of support for the WLWCA/WALCE merger and attach a copy of the LCC minutes. Motion carried 4-0.**

Farmland Preservation Plan Update – Louise Olson said DATCP has approved our request for an extension to the Farmland Preservation Plan to December 31, 2013. Ms. Olson said 674 residents with A-1 land have other zoning districts also and would be impacted if the plan is not approved by DATCP as submitted. **Supervisor Hawkins and Citizen Member Burwell moved and seconded approval of the Extension Amendment #1 to the agreement between WIDATCP and Walworth County. Motion carried 4-0** Vice Chair Grant signed the extension agreement.

Next Meeting Date – Monday, November 14, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment – **On motion and second by Supervisors Hawkins and Citizen Member Burwell, Vice Chair Grant adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.**

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