

Walworth County Land Conservation Committee

MINUTES

September 16, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.

County Board Room 114 – Government Center
Elkhorn, Wisconsin

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Kilkenny.

Roll call – In attendance were Chairperson Kilkenny, Vice Chairperson Russell, Supervisor Schiefelbein, Citizen Member Badame and Citizen Member Bellman. A quorum was declared.

Others present – David Bretl, County Administrator; Michael Cotter, Deputy Corporation Counsel/LURM Director; Louise Olson, Deputy LURM Director; Fay Amerson, Urban Conservation Specialist, Supervisor Carl Redenius, and Greg Igl, CD/NRCS.

Approval of the agenda was moved and seconded by Supervisor Schiefelbein and Citizen Member Badame, with no withdrawals, and carried 5 – 0.

Approval of the May 20, 2013 Land Conservation Committee meeting and the July 18, 2013 Joint Land Conservation Committee and County Zoning Agency meeting minutes were moved and seconded by Vice Chair Russell and Supervisor Schiefelbein, with no withdrawals, and carried 5 – 0.

Public comment: None.

Discussion/Possible Action – General Discussion of Ordinance amendment regarding requested review of a determination - David Bretl. (enclosures, pages 5 - 6) Discussion by County Administrator David Bretl regarding the proposed Ordinance amendment concerning the request for review of a determination requested under Chapter 68 of Wisconsin Statutes. Discussion regarding pros and cons of this alternative and other options available. Statement by Supervisor Schiefelbein regarding the proposed procedure. Statement by Chairman Kilkenny requesting clarification. Bretl states requested amendments for clarification can be discussed and researched. Kilkenny requests clarification: Committee review only subject to judicial review? Question by Russell regarding scope of the review power. Statements by Michael Cotter regarding scope of language and applicability. Bretl to research language and propose amendments, options and flow charts. Matter to be held over for further review. Statement by Lou Olson regarding recent hearing expenditures.

Discussion/Possible Action – Operational Agreement Between Walworth County and the United State Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service – Lou Olson (enclosures, pages 7 - 15) Discussion by Deputy LURM Director Lou Olson regarding a proposed agreement between Walworth County and NRCS regarding roles of respective parties for supplies, reports and development of conservation priorities and policies. Clarification by Chairman Kilkenny regarding continuance of agreement in existence without any significant changes.

Motion to approve made and seconded by Vice Chair Russell and Citizen Member Bellman, and carried 5-0. Agreement to be signed after meeting. Bretl sees no problem with signing proposed agreement.

Discussion/ Possible Action - WLWCA Thursday Note – Lou Olson (enclosures, pages 16 - 19) Lou Olson shares information concerning the WLWCA Thursday Note with the LCC members to make sure they receive this newsletter and give them an option to make comments or ask questions. This publication contains important issues regarding the Conservation offices getting their State funding and no cuts for 2014, and merger concerns with other counties. No action necessary by the Committee. All receiving the publication were noted.

Discussion / Possible Action - Volunteer Notice of Non-Compliance Farmland Preservation Program: Arthur L. Anderson, Erkfitz Revocable Trust, Perry Moyer, Carolyn Rambow – Lou Olson. Discussion by Deputy LURM Director Lou Olson regarding the notices of non-compliance for Farmland Preservation having been initiated at the request of property owners. Main reasons for dropping per Olson: some did not claim the tax credit for farmland preservation, and not wanting to go through the red tape associated with said credit. Committee makes motion to authorize Lou Olson to sign off on documentation provided to DATCP and Department of Revenue for tax purposes was moved and seconded by Supervisor Schiefelbein and Vice Chair Russell, and carried 5-0.

Discussion / Possible Action - Southeast Land & Water Conservation Association Tour - October 9, 2014 Milwaukee – Lou Olson (enclosures, pages 20 - 21). Discussion by Lou Olson regarding the scheduled Conservation Association Tour presented by Southeast Area Land and Water Conservation Association. LCC members interested please contact Fay Amerson. Statement by Michael Cotter regarding order of County's tour presentation for the next few years.

Chairperson Kilkenny did not have any announcements.

The next regular meeting of the land conservation committee was confirmed for Monday, October 14, 2013, 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment. On motion and second by Supervisor Schiefelbein and Citizen Member Bellman, Chairperson Kilkenny adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sheril Oldenburg, LURM Assistant.
These minutes are subject to approval by the committee.