

**Walworth County Land Conservation Committee**

MINUTES

February 17, 2014 – 2:00 p.m.

County Board Room 114 – Government Center  
Elkhorn, Wisconsin

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The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:09 p.m. by Chairperson Kilkenny.

Roll call – In attendance were Chairperson Kilkenny, Vice Chairperson Russell, and USDA Representative Bellman. Citizen Member Badame was absent-excused. 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, citizen Merilee Holst.

Approval of the agenda was moved and seconded by USDA Representative Bellman and Supervisor Russell, with no withdrawals, and carried 3 – 0.

Approval of the November 18, 2013 Land Conservation Committee meeting minutes were moved and seconded by Supervisor Russell and USDA Representative Bellman, with no withdrawals, and carried 3 – 0.

Public comment: None.

Discussion / Possible Action – 2013 Annual Report – Conservation Division – Lou Olson. Discussion of the State Required annual report prepared for the Conservation Division was provided by Lou Olson, with clarifications to Chairman Kilkenny.

Discussion/Possible Action - February Update for the DATCP Bureau of Land and Water Resources / Farmland Preservation – Lou Olson  
Discussion by Lou Olson of the programs and changes implemented by the Department of Ag. concerning conservation efforts in Walworth County and processing of the grants provided. Discussion of conservation grants and the requirements for eligibility.

Discussion / Possible Action – Lake District Appointments after election – Lou Olson  
Discussion by Lou Olson of the current Lake Districts and the positioning of members on the lake district boards after elections. Comment by Michael Cotter regarding ordinance amendments regarding service on lake districts with no stipend for attendance for County Board members. Comments by Nancy Russell regarding payment for service on any committee except for mileage as a County Board Committee member, as committee members are paid for their full services. Handouts provided at the meeting are on file.

Discussion / Possible Action – Assembly Park Subdivision – Permeable Pavement Project –  
Town of Delavan – Fay Amerson

Discussion by Fay Amerson regarding Town of Delavan Permeable Paving Project at Assembly Park and status of project.

Discussion / Possible Action – Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Program Updates – Fay Amerson

Discussion by Fay Amerson regarding the status of nonmetallic mining reclamation programs.

Discussion/Possible Action – General Discussion of Ordinance amendment regarding requested review of a determination - David Bretl.

Discussion by Administrator Bretl regarding progress on the proposed ordinance and the usefulness of the ordinance county-wide. Proposed ordinance may not be feasible for all committees, though may be viable for the LCC. Discussion by Michael Cotter regarding ability to implement a standard ordinance. Recommendation by Lou Olson to incorporate changes into the amendments to the nonmetallic mining ordinance. Michael Cotter voices concerns regarding that these changes will only regarding nonmetallic mining portions of the ordinance. Item to be returned when information is available in the coming months.

Chairperson Kilkenny did not have any announcements.

The next regular meeting of the land conservation committee was confirmed for Monday, March 17, 2014, 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment. On motion and second by USDA Representative Bellman and Supervisor Russell, Chairperson Kilkenny adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:56 p.m.

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