

**Walworth County Land Conservation Committee**

MINUTES

June 16, 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 2:15 p.m. by Chairperson Russell.

Roll call – In attendance were Chairperson Nancy Russell, Vice Chairperson Charlene Staples, Supervisor Daniel Kilkenny, and Citizen Member Rosemary Badame. USDA Representative William Leedle was absent. 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; Maegan Sankey, Conservation Tech/Code Enforcer; Brian Smetana, Sr. Rural Technician, citizen Merilee Holst, Tim Brellenthin and Kathy Ingersoll.

Approval of the agenda was moved and seconded by Badame and Staples, with no withdrawals, and carried 4 – 0.

Approval of the April 21, 2014 Land Conservation Committee meeting minutes were moved and seconded by Staples and Badame, with no withdrawals, and carried 4 – 0.

Public comment: None.

Discussion / Possible Action – SE Area Land & Water Conservation Association (LWCA) Meeting, June 4<sup>th</sup> update – Lou Olson. Review by Lou Olson regarding the meeting held on June 4, 2014 and their process of appointments and future meetings. Olson and Badame attended LWCA Meeting. LWCA Handbook received at the meeting was distributed. Olson indicates there will be notification of future Tours. Chair Russell states the tours are very interesting and comprehensive.

Discussion/Possible Action – SE Area LWCA Appointments/ Staff and LCC Representative – Lou Olson

Discussion by the Committee regarding the local representative on the SE LWCA Committee. Rosemary Badame has been the Walworth County Representative in the past. Chair Russell inquires of County Board Committee Members their interest to serve on this Committee. Rosemary Badame indicates willingness to serve. Appointing Rosemary Badame as the LWCA representative was moved and seconded by Staples and Kilkenny, and carried 4 – 0.

Discussion/Possible Action – Farmland Preservation Non Compliance Recipients (Keizer Brothers/Albert Keizer, Henry D. Keizer, David W/Carol Unger-Keizer, Beth Keizer, David Keizer & Jack Keizer, Jacob Keizer Trust, Jacob Keizer Life Estate, Jack E. Keizer, Jeanne A. Loback, William C. Johnson Trust, Eugene J./Donna M. Frodl, Gilbert/Mary Mawhinney, Rick J./Mary L. Bergendal, Alvin Susina, Marilyn L. Susina Trust, Kenneth Stoppole, Robert Reese,

Barbara Jean Schinke Trust/Dorothy M. Papenfus) – Brian Smetana. Discussion by Brian Smetana regarding property owners of A1 land being voluntarily removed from Farmland Preservation tax credit program. Lou Olson indicates the Certificate of Non-compliance is signed by the property owners and then countersigned by the Department and mailed to the Department of Ag/Department of Revenue regarding the claiming of the farmland tax credit. Acceptance of the voluntary removal certificate and submission by the Land Conservation Committee was moved and seconded by Kilkenny and Badame, and carried 4-0.

Discussion/Possible Action – Correspondence from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regarding the proposed state purchase of 17.04 acres of land for the Stream Bank Protection Fee Program in the Town of East Troy - Michael Cotter. Motion was made and seconded to put the matter on file by Kilkenny and and Badame, and carried 4-0.

Discussion/Possible Action – Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance – Chapter 26, Article VI – Review of Determination per Statute §68.11 – Fay Amerson. Discussion of ordinance amendments concerning the review of a determination. Discussion by Fay Amerson regarding amendments to the non-metallic mining ordinance to provide for a review of a determination by the LCC Committee. Statements by Kilkenny regarding further clarification regarding the role of the LCC and their options under the review of a determination. Discussion by Bretl and Cotter regarding the purpose of the amendment and purpose of the review. Chair Russell recommends Bretl and Cotter to review. Motion was made and seconded to hold this matter until the next meeting by Kilkenny and Badame, and carried 4 – 0.

Discussion/Possible Action – Review status of the B.R. Amon and Sons Gravel Pits – Fay Amerson. Review by Fay Amerson of the status of the numerous Amon sites in the county and new owners/operators of the sites in receivership. Statements by Cotter regarding the Potter Road pit and shingle operation.

Chairperson Russell did not have any announcements.

The next regular meeting of the land conservation committee was confirmed for Monday, July 14, 2014, 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment. On motion and second by Kilkenny and Badame, Chairperson Russell adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:54 p.m.

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