

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors  
January 19, 2015 Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114  
100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Nancy Russell at 2:16 p.m.

Roll call was conducted. Members present included Chair Nancy Russell, Vice Chair Charlene Staples, Supervisor Dan Kilkenny and Citizen Member Rosemary Badame. USDA/FSA Representative William Leedle was absent. A quorum was declared.

**Others in Attendance:**

County Staff: Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM)/Deputy Corporation Counsel Michael Cotter; Brian Smetana, Senior Rural Technician; County Administrator David Bretl

Members of the public: Matt Polyock, FSA Representative Nominee

**On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, seconded by Citizen Member Badame, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.**

**On motion by Vice Chair Staples, seconded by Supervisor Kilkenny, the November 17, 2014 meeting minutes were approved by voice vote.**

**Public Comment** – There was none.

**New Business**

- Discussion/Possible Action – WI Land + Water Annual meeting – Michael Cotter  
Director of LURM/Deputy Corporation Counsel Michael Cotter referred to the annual conference information in the agenda packet. He said if any committee members wish to attend they should contact him and he will take care of registration. The conference runs from March 9 – 11, 2015.
- Discussion/Possible Action – WI Land + Water Dues – Michael Cotter  
Cotter said information on the Wisconsin Land + Water Conservation Association membership was included in the packet. The department has adequate budget funds for the membership dues, but Cotter said he wanted committee endorsement before submitting the fee. **Supervisor Kilkenny made a motion, seconded by Citizen Member Badame, to approve the Wisconsin Land + Water Conservation Association 2015 membership dues in the amount of \$2,445.95. Motion carried 4-0.**
- Discussion/Possible Action – Farmland Preservation Non-Compliance Recipients (Dale Wendorf, Rodney D. Wuttke/Lora A. Wuttke, Lorraine Schildt Lane Trust) – Brian Smetana  
Brian Smetana, Senior Rural Technician, explained the Farmland Preservation tax credits. One of the new requirements for qualifying for the credits is that farmers must develop a nutrient management plan, and many have decided not to elect the farmland preservation credits because they don't want to participate. If they wish to elect in another year, they may do so. The nutrient management program was developed principally to target farmers with animals producing a large amount of manure. Farmers can hire someone certified to develop nutrient management plans, or qualified Land Conservation staff can train individual farmers to develop and manage their own plans. Farmers participating in farmland preservation receive \$7.50 per eligible acre under the program. **Supervisor Kilkenny made a motion, seconded by Citizen Member Badame, to approve the voluntary non-compliance by Dale Wendorf, Rodney D. Wuttke/Lora A. Wuttke and Lorraine Schildt Lane Trust. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Confirmation of next meeting** – The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Cotter said at this time, there were no agenda items for February.

**Adjournment**

**On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, seconded by Vice Chair Staples, the meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.**

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Submitted by Becky Bechtel, Administrative Clerk. Meeting minutes are not considered final until approved by the committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.