

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 14, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
Walworth County Government Center
County Board Room 114
100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nancy Russell at 2:10 p.m.

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

Others in Attendance:

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

On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, second by Vice Chair Staples, the agenda as amended was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, second by USDA/FSA Representative Polyock, the July 20, 2015 Land Conservation Committee meeting minutes were approved by voice vote.

Public Comment – There was none.

New Business

- Discussion/Possible Action – Farmland Preservation Non Compliance Recipients **Voluntary Waivers** (Dean M August, Emory/Carol H Carlson, E James DeLange, James N/Eileen A Dempsey Life Estate et al, Judith L Dunn Trust, Marvin W/Linda L Greving Joint Trust, Gunnick Revocable Trust, Walter E Harrison, David C/Collette Hintz, LaFayette Springs, LLC, William/Rose Mary Leek Living Trust, Duane E Leseberg, Bruno E/Doris E Schffleger Trust, Slack Farms, Inc., James L Slack); and **Failure to Certify** (Blackbird Haven, Inc., Delores Brovold, Norlan Rowbotham, Edward Wieners) – Brian Smetana

Brian Smetana, Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Senior Rural Technician, gave a brief overview of the Farmland Preservation Non Compliance Recipients and recommended the voluntary waivers and the four individuals who failed to certify be removed from the program for noncompliance. He stated there are 250 people currently in the program and only four are in noncompliance. Brian said there may be another six to twelve individuals that may drop out of the program.

Supervisor Kilkenny made a motion, second by USDA/FSA Representative Polyock, to approve the withdrawal of those individuals listed from the program. Motion carried 4-0.

- Discussion/Possible Action – Town of Troy request for County Board appointment to Pabst Lake District Board of Commissioners – Michael Cotter

Michael Cotter, Director of LURM/Deputy Corporation Counsel, gave a brief overview of the request for County Board appointment to Pabst Lake District Board of Commissioners. He referred to the Lake District Board as a newly formed lake district and that the Town of Troy is not involved. Cotter stated the person who owns the dam has the largest percentage of responsibility and that all property owners are impacted in one way or another and asked the County to take over the dam. He said this group of landowners organized and created their own lake district and LCC's appointment will have to be approved by the County Board.

There were no volunteers from LCC and the request will be presented to the County Board to see if there is any interest. The name of the nominee will then be forwarded to the LCC for their appointment. Chair Russell requested background information of the appointee be presented to LCC for their review.

- Discussion/Possible Action - Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association – Fall Technical Committee Tour – October 8, 2015

Cotter stated the Fall Technical Committee Tour will take place in Fond du Lac on October 8th. He said if there are any LCC members who would like to attend, to contact him or his office and arrangements will be made for transportation. Nancy Russell stated if there is a quorum, it will need to be published.

Russell inquired about the approval of the Walworth County Land and Water Resource Management Plan – 5 year Extension. Cotter stated it was approved.

Confirmation of next meeting – The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, October 19, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

**On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, second by Vice Chair Staples, the meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.
Motion carried 4-0.**

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