

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 14, 2016 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 Charlene Staples at 2:07 p.m.

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

Others in Attendance:

County Staff: David Bretl, County Administrator; Michael Cotter, Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM)/Deputy Corporation Counsel (arrived at 2:15 p.m.); Shannon Haydin, LURM Deputy Director; and Fay Amerson, LURM Urban Conservation Specialist

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

On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, second by Citizen Member Badame, the October 17, 2016 Land Conservation Committee meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment – There was none.

New Business

- Discussion/Possible Ordinance Amendment Action – Construction Site Erosion & Sediment Control and Storm Water Management update, Section 23, Article I, II, III (***See website for ordinance amendment documents:*** <http://www.co.walworth.wi.us/Government%20Center/Land%20Use%20and%20Resource%20Management/default.aspx>)

Fay Amerson, Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Urban Conservation Specialist, stated Section 23 of the agenda title should be corrected to read as Section 26 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances. She said a public hearing regarding Articles I, II and III of the Environmental Code entitled Construction Site Erosion & Sediment Control, Storm Water Management, and Construction Site Erosion Control for One and Two Family Construction sites outside of the shoreland will be hosted by the County Zoning Agency on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Amerson referred to Pages 5-7 of the packet and gave a brief overview of the Summary of Walworth County Ordinance Amendments - Chapter 26, Environment - Article I, Article II and Article III. Amerson stated she forwarded Article III to the Department of Safety and Professional Services for their input and it was received. Articles I and II were sent to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Amerson stated she will be contacting the DNR prior to the public hearing for their input.

Supervisor Russell made a motion, second by Supervisor Kilkenny, to approve the ordinance amendment to Section 26, Articles I, II and II as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

- Discussion/Possible Action – Correspondence from Supervisor Randy Timms regarding Amendment to Section 2-143 of the Code of Ordinances

Michael Cotter, Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM)/Deputy Corporation Counsel, stated this matter was discussed at the Executive Committee and recommended that it be brought to a joint session between the Executive Committee and the Land Conservation Committee (LCC) on December 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Discussion then focused on whether or not it is appropriate to have a residency restriction for citizen members, the ability to serve on a Lake District once appointed to the Land Conservation Committee, and compensation for

citizen members and/or County Board members either by the district or the county. Cotter recommended inviting Supervisor Timms to the joint meeting.

Supervisor Kilkenny made a motion, second by Supervisor Russell, to move correspondence from Supervisor Randy Timms regarding Amendment to Section 2-143 of the Code of Ordinances to a joint meeting between the Executive Committee and the Land Conservation Committee on December 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.

- Discussion/Possible Action – CREP Contract Amendment

Haydin gave a brief overview of a memo from the State of Wisconsin regarding the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) contract with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and requested the Committee's approval.

Supervisor Kilkenny made a motion, second by Citizen Member Badame, to approve the CREP Contract. Motion carried 4-0.

- Discussion/Possible Action – Nippersink Watershed Study Grant Research Info

Haydin stated the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) chose to give funds to the Nippersink Watershed Foundation to conduct their water quality modeling. She recommended postponing any grant application at this time. LURM will strive to continue working with the Nippersink Watershed Association and will review possible grant funding next year to implement the plan that is developed.

- Discussion/Possible Action – Wildlife Abatement Contractual Agreement for 2016 FY (no crop prices needed – no crop claims)

Laurinda Koeck who represents the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Waupun, presented and gave a brief overview of the 2015 Summary Report of the USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services – Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program. She stated the program covers 34 counties in the Southern half of the state and 18 counties in the Northern half. Koeck stated the USDA brings in approximately 25% of the overall funding for administration of the program that is offered statewide and is County optional. Walworth County signed an agreement that will expire in 2018. She said the budget request is a little over \$3,000 more than last year. Discussion then focused on apple orchards, hunting and harvesting.

Supervisor Russell made a motion, second by Citizen Member Badame, to approve the Wildlife Abatement Contractual Agreement for 2017. Motion carried 4-0.

- Discussion/Possible Action – The 2015 Land and Water Conservation Annual Report is now available! The report highlights conservation work around the state by highlighting county success stories, and also summarizes annual reporting information provided by counties earlier this year (<https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/LandWaterAnnualReport2015.pdf>)

Haydin stated the report is online if anyone is interested in reading it.

- Discussion/Possible Action – Correspondence from State of Wisconsin regarding proposed state purchase of easement on 0.52 acres of land in the Town of East Troy

Haydin stated the Committee could provide either a resolution or letter of support if interested. Supervisor Russell recommended approval, as the easement may provide access to the lake. Cotter stated the deadline is December 5th and LURM could write a letter on behalf of the Land Conservation Committee.

Supervisor Russell made a motion, second by Supervisor Kilkenny, to have the Land Use and Resource Management Department compose a letter supporting the State of Wisconsin's proposed purchase of easement on 0.52 acres of land in the Town of East Troy. Motion carried 4-0.

Confirmation of next meeting – The next meeting was confirmed, as a joint meeting with the Executive Committee, for Monday, December 12, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

**On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, second by Citizen Member Badame, the meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.
Motion carried 4-0.**

Submitted by Trisha Sommers, Administrative Clerk. Meeting minutes were approved by the committee at the December 12, 2016 meeting.