



Land Use and Resource  
Management Department

**Walworth County  
Land Conservation Committee Meeting  
Monday, April 23, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Walworth County Government Center  
County Board Room 114  
Elkhorn, WI 53121**

*- Chair - Vice Chair  
- Supervisor*

*Sue Bellman – USDA/FSA Representative, – Citizen Member*

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*(Posted in Compliance with Sec. 19.84 Wis. Stats.)*

***It is possible that a quorum of the County Board or a committee of the County Board could be in attendance.***

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2012 LCC Meeting
5. Public Comment
6. Chairperson Nominations
7. Chairperson Elections
8. Vice-Chairperson Nominations
9. Vice-Chairperson Elections
10. Discussion/Possible Action - Role and Responsibilities of the Land Conservation Committee , Louise Olson (booklet)
11. Discussion/Possible Action – Walworth County Lake Districts, 2012, Louise Olson (enclosures, pages 1-2)
12. Discussion/Possible Action – Correspondence From METCO Regarding Brownfield Grants Through the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, Michael Cotter (enclosures, pages 3-4)
13. Next meeting date: Monday, May 14 , 2012, 2:00 p.m.
14. Adjournment

**Submitted by: Michael P. Cotter, Director, Land Use and Resource Management Department,  
Louise Olson, Deputy Director, Land Conservation Committee Designee**

Posted: April 18, 2012

**Walworth County Land Conservation Committee**

MINUTES

**DRAFT**

Monday, March 19, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

Walworth County Board Room 114  
Elkhorn, WI 53121

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The meeting was called to order by LCC Chair Kilkenny at 1:30 p.m.

Roll call - Committee members present included: Supervisors, Kilkenny, Grant, Hawkins, Citizen Member Burwell and USDA/FSA Representative Bellman. A quorum was declared.

County staff present – David Bretl, County Administrator; Michael Cotter, Director of Land Use & Resource Management (LURM); Louise Olson, Deputy Director, LURM; Fay Amerson, Urban Manager; Deb Grube, Sr. Zoning Officer; Neal Frauenfelder, Sr. Planner; and Joann Douglas, Recording Secretary.

Also in attendance – Nancy Russell, Walworth County Board Chair;

Approval of the Agenda – **Supervisors Hawkins and Grant moved and seconded approval of the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of the Minutes – **Citizen Member Burwell and Supervisor Grant moved and seconded approval of the February 20, 2012 LCC meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

Public Comment – none

Notice of Noncompliance Farmland Preservation Program: William Wright, Elizabeth Smith Life Estate, and Harry and Helen Boehning – Louise Olson said William Wright's operator chooses to not follow a nutrient management plan (a pre-requisite) and Elizabeth Smith Life Estate and Harry and Helen Boehning both are not taking the tax credit. **Supervisor Grant and Citizen Member Burwell moved and seconded to approve for this public hearing, as recorded, for these people to not take part in the Farmland Preservation Program and to accept their voluntary abandonment of the Farmland Preservation Program. Motion carried 5-0.**

Rapid Assessment of the Economic Value of Wisconsin's Wetlands – Louise Olson said the report was sent to the legislators by the Wisconsin Wetlands Association. Ms. Olson also sent it to Neal Kedzie's aide with no response from his office. **Citizen Member Burwell and Supervisor Hawkins moved and seconded to have staff send a letter on behalf of the LCC to Walworth County's legislators supporting the Wetlands Economic Value study and wetlands preservation. Motion carried 5-0**

Farmland Preservation Program Update – David Bretl said he contacted Kenosha County Corporation Council regarding their legal opinion and sent them his draft legal opinion. His draft will be sent to the LURM staff prior to finalizing it. Neal Frauenfelder said it was his understanding that after the legal opinions are given by Mr. Bretl and Kenosha County Corporation Council, staff will meet with Kenosha County prior to scheduling a meeting with Secretary Brancel, DATCP. At this time, no action is required.

Ordinance Amendment for Agricultural Structures - Discussion ensued regarding a proposed zoning ordinance amendment to reduce agricultural setbacks to buildings where animals are housed. CZA is looking for further guidance from the LCC regarding the small animal units such as chickens. Currently, each acre could house 100 chicken animal units. Discussion followed. Michael Cotter explained the process is a long way from being completed and the proposal must go from CZA to the towns then back to CZA for a public hearing and after the hearing to the full county board for a vote. **Supervisors Grant**

**and Hawkins moved and seconded to suggest not changing the animal units numbers and forward it back to CZA for further processing.** Further discussion followed regarding cost of a conditional use and the expense for a few fowl. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Next Meeting Date – Monday, April 23, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment – **On motion and second by Supervisors Hawkins and Citizen Member Burwell, Chair Kilkenny adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.**

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Submitted by Joeann Douglas, Recording Secretary. Minutes are not considered final until approved by the committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**Land Conservation Committee or County Board Supervisor interested in sitting on any of the above Lake Districts, per State Statute Chapter 33, please designate your interest below:**

(Below are representatives until May 1, 2012)

Benedict- Tombeau Lakes	Susan Bernstein - Citizen Interested *
Beulah Lake	Rick Stacey- Interest Unknown
Booth Lake	Stan Muzatko * Incumbent
Comus Lake	Available
Honey Lake	Robert McIndoe*Incumbent
Pleasant Lake	Robert Arnold*Incumbent
Potters Lake	Joyce Ketchpaw-Reed * Prior incumbent
Lauderdale Lakes	Available
Whitewater-Rice Lakes	Jerry Grant - Interested

**WALWORTH COUNTY LAKE DISTRICTS- Average Meetings per year**

***BENEDICT- TOMBEAU LAKES -***

Meet Quarterly – on Saturdays at Bloomfield Township Town Hall at 9 AM.

***BEULAH LAKE -***

Meet 6 times a year, Monday night.

***BOOTH LAKE -***

Meet 4 times a year, Saturday Noon.

***COMUS LAKE -***

Meet 3 times a year, Evening weekday varies.

***HONEY LAKE -***

Meet monthly on Tuesday evenings.

***PLEASANT LAKE -***

Meet 5 times per year, Saturday mornings.

***POTTERS LAKE -***

Meet 4-5 meetings per year on Saturdays.

***LAUDERDALE LAKES -***

Meet 12 times a year on Saturday mornings.

***WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES -***

Meet the 2nd Thursday of every month from March – November or as needed.



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CORPORATION COUNSEL  
WALWORTH COUNTY

County Clerk

## MEMORANDUM

Kimberly S. Bushey  
County Clerk

Date: March 15, 2012

To: Nancy Russell, County Board Chair  
David A. Bretl, County Administrator

From: Nicole Hill, Deputy County Clerk *NHill*

Re: Correspondence from METCO in regard to Brownfield Grants  
through the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

Attached is a copy of the above referenced item.

Unless we receive other instructions from your office, we will include the item on the April 19, 2012 County Board Meeting Agenda under Communications and Matters to be Referred with a referral to the Land Conservation Committee.

Attachments

cc: Michael Cotter, Director, Land Use & Resource Management



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March 13, 2012

Kimberly Bushey  
County Clerk  
Courthouse Square  
100 W, Walworth St., P.O. Box 1001  
Elkhorn, WI 53121

**SUBJECT: Brownfield Grants through the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation**

Dear Kimberly Bushey,

All communities have commercial or industrial properties that are either blighted, abandoned, and/or tax delinquent. As an environmental consulting company, METCO has assisted many of these communities in acquiring State Brownfield Grants for one or more of the following activities:

- Building Demolition
- Petroleum Tank Removals
- Waste Disposal
- Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessments
- Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessments
- Site Investigations

These types of projects help eliminate any actual or perceived liabilities and will allow a blighted property to become sold and redeveloped.

Any city, village, town, county, redevelopment authority, community development authority, or housing authority is eligible for Brownfield Grants even if they do not own the property.

METCO welcomes the opportunity to meet with you (complimentary) to evaluate any possible sites you may have. If you then decide to apply for a Brownfield Grant, we will prepare and submit your application to the state at no cost. If you are then awarded the grant and choose to use it, METCO will handle all tasks and paperwork on your behalf.

**Several communities that we have assisted with Brownfield Grants/Projects include:**

- City of Wisconsin Dells (\$30,000 \$56,220, \$79,175)
- City of Richland Center (\$11,535)
- Town of Westford (\$12,307)
- City of Hillsboro (\$6,000)
- City of DeSoto (\$4,851)
- Village of Almond (\$10,000, \$56,000)
- Village of Adell (\$20,000)

Every client we have represented were very pleased that they decided to use this state grant to improve their community and found the process to be simple and well managed. We have been handling such issues throughout the entire state of Wisconsin for over 21 years, (over 1,150 properties to date) which is more than any other environmental consulting company.

Please feel free to contact me at (800) 552-2932, or email me at [rona@metcohq.com](mailto:rona@metcohq.com). We welcome the opportunity to discuss any possible sites you may have.

I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Ron Anderson P.G.  
Senior Hydrogeologist

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