



**Walworth County  
Land Conservation Committee Meeting  
Monday, July 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.**

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

Land Use and Resource  
Management Department

***Nancy Russell – Chair    Charlene Staples - Vice Chair    Daniel Kilkenny - Supervisor  
Matthew Polyock – USDA/FSA Representative    Rosemary Badame – 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 Pg. 1
4. Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2015 LCC Meeting Pg. 2-3
5. Public Comment
6. Discussion/Possible Action – Walworth County Land and Water Resource Management Plan - 5 Year Extension Presentation – Fay Amerson
7. Next meeting date: Monday, September 14, 2015, 2:00 p.m.
8. Adjournment

**Submitted by: Michael P. Cotter, Director, Land Use and Resource Management Department**

Posted: July 15, 2015

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**Walworth County Board of Supervisors  
Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 15, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.  
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 2:09 p.m.

Roll call was conducted. Members present included Chair Nancy Russell, Supervisor Dan Kilkenny, Supervisor Charlene Staples, and Citizen Member Rosemary Badame. USDA/FSA Representative Matt Polyock was excused. 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; Deb Grube, LURM Senior Zoning Officer; Neal Frauenfelder, LURM Senior Planner

**On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, second by Supervisor Staples, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.**

**On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, second by Citizen Member Badame, the May 18, 2015 Land Conservation Committee meeting minutes were approved by voice vote.**

**Public Comment** – Merilee Holst of the Geneva Lake Conservancy spoke regarding the Wisconsin State budget and the detrimental impact on shoreland zoning. The Conservancy is concerned and in contact with State Representatives and Senators.

**New Business**

- Discussion/Possible Action – State of Wisconsin Budget Amendments Affecting County Shoreland zoning Authority – Deb Grube

Michael Cotter, Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM)/Deputy Corporation Counsel, said individuals have spent years drafting NR115 and this is not an effective way to enact legislation by merely launching it. Cotter stated he cannot definitively inform the committee where this stands in the legislative process and brought the matter before them for their information. Deb Grube, LURM Senior Zoning Officer, stated legislation is moving fast as the motion was made and introduced into the budget May 29<sup>th</sup>. She said many organizations (the Wisconsin County Code Administrators, Wisconsin County Planning and Zoning Directors, Land and Water, Counties Association, several lakes associations, etc.) are attempting to respond with their concerns as quickly as possible. Grube said it started with Representative Adam Jarchow of Balsam Lake who introduced the language stating it was to give property owners more control over their cabins and removes disincentives from making upgrades. Grube referred to the agenda packet and gave a brief overview of the actual language of the motion on pages 5-6 and a narrative addressing those sections of the motion and how it will impact Walworth County on page 4. Grube stated the Walworth County Zoning Ordinance was established under the foundation of health, safety, welfare and fair practices. Chair Russell stated the state budget should not have anything to do with policy and expressed concern that the budget will have ramifications for years to come. **Supervisor Kilkenny made a motion, second by Citizen Member Badame, to prepare a resolution recommending Motion 520 (regarding County Shoreland Zoning) as written, be removed from the budget bill. Motion carried 4-0.** Following the vote Cotter confirmed the content of the resolution: Resolution to remove Paragraph 23 of Motion 520 as written from the budget bill and to have it removed from the biennial budget.

- **Public Hearing/Possible Action** – Pursuant to Ch. 91.10 (3) under ss. 66.1001 (4) of the Wisconsin Statutes  
**Walworth County Farmland Preservation Plan Map Amendment – LURM Staff**

Neal Frauenfelder, LURM Senior Planner, gave a brief overview of the Walworth County Farmland Preservation Plan Map Amendment. He stated there are 16 farmland preservation plan map changes and a list of those parcels is on page 7 of the agenda packet. Frauenfelder briefly reviewed the timeline for completion and state certification of the amendment to the farmland preservation plan and the certification of the farmland preservation zoning ordinance. He stated once certification is obtained by the state, Walworth County will be eligible for future tax credits.

**Supervisor Kilkenny made a motion, second by Citizen Member Badame, to open the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Public Comment** – The Chair asked for comment from the public and there was none.

**Supervisor Kilkenny made a motion, second by Supervisor Staples, to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Supervisor Kilkenny made a motion, second by Supervisor Staples, to approve the Walworth County Farmland Preservation Plan Map Amendment included in the packet. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Confirmation of next meeting** – The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, July 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

**On motion by Supervisor Staples, second by Citizen Member Badame, the meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.**

Chair Russell thanked everyone involved in this project for their efforts.

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