



Land Use and Resource  
Management Department

**Walworth County  
Land Conservation Committee Meeting  
Monday, January 18, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**

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

*Vacant – 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. Chairperson Nominations
4. Chairperson Elections
5. Approval of the Agenda Pg. 1
6. Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2015 LCC Meeting Pg. 2-3
7. Public Comment
8. Discussion/Possible Action – Results received from lake districts regarding lake district officer salaries – Michael Cotter Pg. 4-5
9. Discussion/Possible Action – Pabst Lake District Notice of Interest as County Representative – David Bourenske – Michael Cotter Pg. 6
10. Discussion/Possible Action – 2016 WI Land+Water Dues – Michael Cotter Pg. 7-9
11. Next meeting date: Monday, February 15, 2016, 2:00 p.m.
12. Adjournment

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

Posted: January 13, 2016

**DRAFT**

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors  
Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 16, 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 2:12 p.m.

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

**Others in Attendance:**

County Board Supervisors: Timothy Brellenthin

County Staff: David Bretl, County Administrator; Michael Cotter, Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM)/Deputy Corporation Counsel; Shannon Haydin, LURM Deputy Director; Fay Amerson, LURM Urban Manager

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

**On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, second by Citizen Member Badame, the October 19, 2015 Land Conservation Committee meeting minutes were approved by voice vote.**

Chair Russell inquired as to the status of the post lake evaluation questionnaire that was sent out by Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) to the respective lake committees. Michael Cotter, Director of LURM/Deputy Corporation Counsel, stated that the questionnaire was sent out and since a few of them only meet twice a year, he would have to follow-up with the lake committees.

**Public Comment** – There was none.

**New Business**

- Discussion/Possible Action – County Board appointment to Pabst Lake District Board of Commissioners: Dave Bourenske – Michael Cotter

Cotter recapped the last meeting and stated that Chair Butler of Pabst Lake District provided Dave Bourenske's name as a new appointment candidate. Cotter stated the Land Conservation Committee (LCC) is responsible for appointing the candidate.

**Supervisor Kilkenny made a motion for LURM to send the Notice of Interest questionnaire form to Dave Bourenske to obtain his qualifications and reason to serve, second by USDA/FSA Representative Polyock. Motion carried 5-0.**

- Discussion/Possible Action – B.R. Amon and Sons Receivership Progress – Fay Amerson

Cotter, Shannon Haydin, LURM Deputy Director, and Fay Amerson, LURM Urban Manager, gave an educational presentation regarding Land Conservation Division (LCD) Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation, B.R. Amon and Sons/Amon Land Co. Receivership Proceedings. Amerson stated B.R. Amon & Sons operated eight active mining sites in Walworth County in 2013; three mining sites were owned and operated by B.R. Amon (Richmond, Potters, and Williams Bay); one mining site was co-owned with Mann Brothers (Whitewater

Limestone); and four mining sites were leased by B.R. Amon and Sons (Junker, Whelan, Wilson & Friemoth). She said all of the mining sites operated under a County Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Permit, a County approved reclamation plan, and were covered with reclamation bonds.

Discussion followed focusing on the permit and bonding process, foreign materials being brought onto the property, conditional use amendments, and requirement of interim or contemporaneous reclamation.

- Discussion/Possible Action – Walworth County Land and Water Resource Management Plan - 5 Year Extension Approval – Michael Cotter

Haydin stated LURM is required by the State to have a land and water resource management plan. A five year extension was approved for approximately \$250,000 a year to cover operating costs and additional funds to assist with cost share programs. She said there may be a few changes to the scope of the plan and LURM will work on an update closer to the two year mark rather than the full five years.

**Confirmation of next meeting** – The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, December 14, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

**On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, second by Supervisor Staples, the meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.**

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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.

## Walworth County Land Conservation Committee: Request for Compensation Information (10/19/2015)

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Lake Acreage	# of Pd Bd Members	Is Everyone Paid the Same Amount?	Amount Pd to Each Bd. Member / year	Last time Annual Payment was Increased	List 3 Greatest Lake Issues you Work on
<p><b>Lauderdale Lake</b> Dist: 960 Acres 10/28/2015</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; &lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;</p>	<p>5 Elected Comm – No comp.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; &lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;</p>	<p>Yes - \$0</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; &lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;</p>	<p>\$ -0-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; &lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;</p>		<p>1.) Collaboration with Walworth County regarding enforcement of county codes. Most issues are related to land disturbance and zoning, although a growing concern regards enforcement of short term rentals. A visit to the VRBO web site will reveal many short term rentals in the counties lake communities.</p> <p>2.) We have great concern with the state budget having the carve-out for local zoning control by counties. It is imperative that local units of government are able to manage their resources and growth through local ordinances. Mandating a state wide approach is a giant leap backwards.</p> <p>3.) Basic respect towards neighbors and other lake users and a spirit of following the rules. More often we see people approach a task with the mindset that it's ok to break the rules and then simply pay a fine. Enforcement of the rules should inflict a little more pain and make it less desirable to simply pay the fines while keeping the enfraction</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; &lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;</p>
<p><b>Lake Comus</b> 164 acres 11/2/2015</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; &lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;</p>	<p>(I believe 5 members) – No comp.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; &lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;</p>	<p>\$ -0-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; &lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;</p>	<p>\$ -0-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; &lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;</p>		<p>Dredging Project</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; &lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;</p>
<p><b>Pleasant Lake</b> Phone call from Rick Calloway – his wife is sec. 11/4/15*</p>	<p>5 Commissioner – no comp.</p>	<p>\$ -0-</p>	<p>\$ -0-</p>		<p><i>No mention....</i></p>

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>>>> <<<<< <b>Benedict/Tombeau</b> Benedict: 76 Tombeau: 34 11/12/15	>>>> <<<<< Zero (0) pd members	>>>> <<<<< \$ -0-	>>>> <<<<< \$ -0-		>>>> <<<<< 1. Weed Control 2. Outside Pollutants 3. Dam management
>>>> <<<<< <b>Honey Lake Dist</b> 44 acres 11/20/2015	>>>> <<<<< 5 paid comm.	>>>> <<<<< No. Elected Members (3) are paid a fixed compensation Appointed members are paid based on meeting attendance (13 mtgs / year)	>>>> <<<<< Chairman: \$2,600 Secretary: \$2,275 Treasurer: \$2,275  Rochester Village Appt: \$25/mtg Sp. Prairie Tn Appt: \$25/mtg  HLP&RD does not compensate WalCo appt.	>>>> <<<<< August, 2012	>>>> <<<<< 1. Dam maintenance 2. Dike & Beach Maintenance 3. Weed Control
>>>> <<<<< <b>Potters Lake Dist</b> 168 acres 11/24/2015	>>>> <<<<< 3 paid comm.	>>>> <<<<< Yes	>>>> <<<<< \$200.00	>>>> <<<<< Over 10 years ago	>>>> <<<<< 1. Water quality/weed control 2. Budget/grants 3. Safety& enforcement concerns

Thank you again for your assistance.

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 (262) 741-4972

\*11/4/2015 – Rick Calloway made mention – the only members compensated are the County and possibly Town representatives – paid from the County/Town





## Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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Tuesday, December 15, 2015

WALWORTH COUNTY LURMD  
100 W WALWORTH ST.  
PO BOX 1001  
ELKHORN, WI 53121-4362

Dear Supervisor Russell and Shannon,

Please consider your 2016 membership in the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WI Land+Water). We appreciate your support and will continue to serve and represent your department and your committee by providing the highest level of service. We have attached an invoice indicating this year's dues for 2016 membership. As we continue to face new legislation limiting local control, your membership to WI Land+Water will be increasingly important to provide a unified voice to advocate successfully in the State Capitol. We have a proven track record when it comes to supporting legislation and policy. In addition we provide training for local conservation staff, educational opportunities for youth, and professional services that benefit local land conservation efforts.

We at WI Land+Water are proud of our accomplishments in 2015. Here are some of them:

- The restoration of \$675,000 in annual funding to support land and water conservation offices in the Governor's budget remains the highlight of conservation victories in the 2015-2017 Biennial Budget. This funding is actually an increase from the base funding that counties receive for staffing. On average, each Wisconsin county will receive an average of \$9,375 in *additional* staff funding in 2016 and 2017 due to that restoration of funds. This was the primary mission of WI Land+Water in 2015, and we delivered. We will have to do this again in 2017.
- WI Land+Water has reinvigorated the State Interagency Training Committee and counties will continue to see expanded training offerings to improve professional development in 2016.
- WI Land+Water sponsored four educational videos highlighting land and water conservation and aired statewide on "Into the Outdoors" television series. Videos will also be included in a high-school curriculum to be developed in 2016 to teach students about the importance of the connection between land and water.
- The Standards Oversight Council, which WI Land+Water coordinates, has continued work on many conservation standards but highlights include the completion of the Nutrient Management Standard (590). The Nutrient Management Standard is a complicated, sometimes controversial, but important standard to improve water quality.

From our budget and legislative successes it is clear that WI Land+Water is stronger and more effective as a merged organization. In 2016, it will be even more important to keep our membership together as we continue to lobby for local control and the protection of natural resources. With your

dues payment you ensure that WI Land+Water can continue get you the resources you need to implement your Land and Water Resource Management plan.

As your advocate on state and federal issues, we are working hard to promote the LCCs and LCDs as the primary local delivery mechanism to bring conservation practices to Wisconsin counties. Thank you, again, for your support. Please feel free to contact us with questions or if there is something we can do to make WI Land+Water a more valuable association to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. VandenBrook". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jim VandenBrook, Executive Director

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<b>TO:</b>
Walworth County LURMD 100 W Walworth St. Po Box 1001 Elkhorn, WI 53121-4362

## Invoice

Please remit total amount due to the letterhead address. If your records differ from ours, please call Penny Pohle at (608) 441-2677 immediately.

	INVOICE NO.	DATE	TERMS	
	1565	12/15/2015	Due in 2016*	
	<b>Tax ID # 39-1448749</b>			
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
County Dues	2016 WI Land+Water Dues	N/A	N/A	<b>\$2,082</b>
Envirothon	<input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if your county would like to include <b>\$50 dues</b> (or more) for Wisconsin Envirothon.	N/A	N/A	\$ _____
SOC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please check here if your county would like to include <b>\$350 dues</b> (or more) for the Standards Oversight Council.	N/A	N/A	\$ <b>350.00</b>
			<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ <b>2,432.00</b>

Make check payable to: Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Inc.

Thank you for your support!

***\*Pay on or before March 2, 2016 at 10:30am to ensure your county gets a vote at the annual business meeting.***

cc: Sheril Oldenburg, Administrative Assistant

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