

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors  
Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 14, 2022  
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 Brian Holt at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call was conducted and the following members were present, either in person or by remote attendance: Chair Brian Holt; Vice Chair Daniel Kilkenny; Supervisor Nancy Russell; and Citizen Member Richard Kuhnke, Jr. Sharon Travis was absent. A quorum was declared.

**Others in Attendance either in person or remotely:**

County Staff: Corporation Counsel/Director-Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Michael Cotter; Senior Urban Conservation Specialist Heather Marquardt; Senior Conservation Technician Brian Smetana; and County Administrator Mark W. Luberd.

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

**On motion by Vice Chair Kilkenny, second by Supervisor Russell, the minutes of the February 14, 2022 Land Conservation Committee meeting were approved.**

**Public Comment** – There was none.

**New Business**

6. 2022 Soil and Water Resource Management Program Work Plan

Senior Conservation Technician Brian Smetana gave a brief overview of his Memorandum (Page 4) along with the Walworth County 2021 Annual Work Plan Locally-Identified Priorities distributed prior to the meeting. Smetana noted the Annual Work Plan is based on the previous year's work. Discussion then focused the anticipated funding and participation relative to the targeted goals; ways in which funding is received, spent, and reimbursed; and staffing issues both statewide and within the Land Use and Resources Management Department (LURM) for conservation and zoning. **Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Citizen Representative Kuhnke, to accept the 2022 Soil and Water Resource Management Program Work Plan. Motion carried 4-0.**

7. 2022 Conservation Poster Contest State Results

Senior Urban Conservation Specialist Heather Marquardt stated Madison Wojciuch of Traver Elementary School won 1<sup>st</sup> place of the Junior Division (Grades 7-9) at the statewide poster contest held during the WI Land + Water Conference. Wojciuch's winning poster will now advance to the national level for judging at the National Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting in February of 2023. Marquardt noted she attended a ceremony at Traver Elementary School where she spoke about the annual WI Land + Water Poster Contest and had the privilege of presenting Wojciuch with the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Certificate she earned at the statewide contest. Marquardt extended an invitation to Madison and her family to attend the April County Board meeting, where Madison will be congratulated for her award winning poster "Healthy Soil: Healthy Life". Cotter noted he has a draft resolution for placement on the April County Board Agenda under the Land Conservation Committee. Cotter then commended his staff for their efforts in keeping the poster contest going. **Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Citizen Representative Kuhnke, to approve the draft resolution and for it to be placed on the April County Board Agenda. Supervisor Russell requested the Wojciuch Summary (Page 5) be included in the County Board Agenda Packet for April. Motion carried 4-0.**

On behalf of the Land Use and Resource Management Department (LURM) and the Land Conservation Committee (LCC), Cotter and Chair Holt took a moment to express appreciation to Vice Chair Daniel Kilkenny and County Board Chair Nancy Russell for their dedication and efforts put forth regarding the county parks. Cotter thanked them for serving on the various boards and committees and advocating for park funding. Cotter stated Kilkenny and Russell recognized the value of land preservation and water quality and they will be greatly missed.

**Confirmation of next meeting** – The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, April 25, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

**On motion and second by Vice Chair Kilkenny and Supervisor Russell, Chair Holt adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.**

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Submitted by Patricia Sommers, Administrative Assistant. Meeting minutes were approved by the Land Conservation Committee at the April 25, 2022 meeting.