

1 **LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

2
3 Public Agency Center
4 West Bend, WI

April 8, 2009
1:00 p.m.

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6 The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stern at 1:00 p.m. at the Public Agency Center,
7 Room 3005. The Affidavit of Posting was read.

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9 Present: John Stern, Chairperson; Charlene Brady, Secretary; John Jung, Vice Chairperson; Ralph
10 Dornacker, Gerald Schulz, Michael Miller, Todd Healy, Marilyn Merten

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12 Also present: Paul Mueller, Administrator; Debora Sielski, Deputy Administrator; Phil Gaudet,
13 Land Resources Manager; Dr. Jill Hapner, County Conservationist; Betsy Gillen, District
14 Conservationist; Paul Backhaus, Project Technician; Scott Schmidt, County Engineer/Surveyor;
15 Kelly Cisar, Accounting Supervisor; and Joanne Wagner, Office Manager.

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17 Visitors: Doug Johnson, Administrative Coordinator; Herb Tennes, County Board Chairperson.

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19 **LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

20 Motion by Supervisor Merten, seconded by Mr. Dornacker to approve the March 11, 2009 minutes
21 as submitted with no corrections or additions. Motion carried.

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23 **LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT FOR**
24 **JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

25 Motion by Supervisor Jung, seconded by Supervisor Brady to approve the Land and Water
26 Conservation Division report for January and February, 2009. Motion carried.

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28 **USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT**

29 Present: Betsy Gillen, District Conservationist. Ms. Gillen stated that as part of the president’s
30 stimulus package, they took applications for a Floodplain Easement Program, under the Emergency
31 Watershed Program (**corrected 5/13/09**), described and reviewed activity on this program, **and also**
32 provided a recap of their overall duties and activities, beyond specific programs. Motion by
33 Supervisor Schulz, seconded by Supervisor Healy to approve the USDA Natural Resources
34 Conservation Service Report. Motion carried.

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36 **WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION SEMINAR REPORT: EMERGING ISSUES**
37 **AND WIND AND RENEWABLE ENERGY– SUPERVISOR MIKE MILLER**

38 Supervisor Miller provided a recap of information regarding renewable energy from this seminar,
39 which was held on March 30, 2009. Handouts regarding wind on the water and focus on energy
40 were provided to the Committee (attached).

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42 **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF JOINT DATCP/DNR GRANT APPLICATION**
43 **FOR 2010**

44 Dr. Hapner described this nonpoint source grant, which the Land and Water Conservation Division
45 applies for annually. This is a combination grant that provides funding for staffing and also for
46 land owner cost share. Dr. Hapner stated that there is nothing in the Committee’s handouts, as she
47 is just providing an overview today, but she does have the grant application with her.
48 This year, our staffing request is \$223,035.00 and our land owner cost share request is \$103,400.00
49 for a total of \$326,435.00

51 At this time, the resolution was reviewed and explained by Deputy Administrator Debora Sielski.
52 Per the County Attorney, this is a routine grant and the Land Conservation Committee can approve
53 it, but as a housekeeping function, she prefers that it be sent to the County Board. That is the reason
54 that the resolution has been prepared.

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56 Motion by Supervisor Jung, seconded by Supervisor Merten to approve applying for this grant.
57 Motion carried. Motion by Supervisor Schulz, seconded by Supervisor Healy to approve the
58 resolution and forwarding it on to the County Board. Motion carried.

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60 **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR COST SHARE CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS/
61 RELEASES AND SATISFACTIONS**

62 Dr. Hapner reviewed the information on the enclosed handout. Motion by Supervisor Schulz,
63 seconded by Mr. Dornacker to approve the new cost share contracts for Gehring View Farms -
64 Hartford; William Hennes-Village of Richfield; Ned Lepien,-Hartford; and Mark Wilkens -
65 Trenton. Motion carried.

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67 **INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS & RELATED DISCUSSION: WATER
68 QUALITY MONITORING PRESENTATION**

69 Presented by Paul Backhaus, Project Technician. Mr. Backhaus provided a PowerPoint
70 presentation and passed around several monitoring devices actually being used by the Land and
71 Water Conservation Division.

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73 Motion by Supervisor Brady, seconded by Supervisor Healy to adjourn the Land and Water
74 Conservation Committee meeting. (~~Corrected 5/13/09 Meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.~~ **Motion**
75 **carried.**

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Paul E. Mueller, Administrator