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**WASHINGTON COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

Public Agency Center  
West Bend, WI

January 12, 2011  
1:00 p.m.

Present: Michael Bassill, Ralph Dornacker, Melvin Ewert, Raymond Heidtke, Michael Miller, Gerald Schulz, Peter Sorce, and John Stern.

Also present: Administrator Paul Mueller, Deputy Administrator Debora Sielski, County Conservationist Paul Sebo, Land Resources Manager Phil Gaudet, Accounting Supervisor Kelly Cisar, Office Manager Joanne Wagner, Chairperson Herbert Tennes, County Attorney Kim Nass, Supervisor Richard Bertram, Supervisor Ralph Hensel, Supervisor Joseph Gonnering, Supervisor Lee Krueger, and County Clerk Administrative Assistant Linda Doro.

Chairperson Stern called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and read the Affidavit of Posting.

**MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Sorce, seconded by Mr. Ewert to approve the December 8, 2010, minutes as presented.  
Motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF 2010 WILDLIFE DAMAGE & ABATEMENT CLAIMS**

*Appearance: Rich Christian, USDA-APHIS Wildlife Specialist*

Moved by Mr. Ewert, seconded by Mr. Heidtke to approve the 2010 Wildlife Damage & Abatement Claims in the amount of \$13,467.70. Motion carried.

**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION DIVISION REPORT (OCTOBER 16-DECEMBER 15, 2010)**

- Conservation Education
- Conservation Assistance
- Conservation Compliance
- Code Administration
- Miscellaneous and Training

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dornacker to accept the October 16-December 15, 2010, Land & Water Conservation Division report. Motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATION TO FARMLAND PRESERVATION AGREEMENT APPLICATIONS**

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Schulz to approve the modification to the Farmland Preservation Agreement applications for Harry Ramthun & Harold & Eileen Ramthun, Kenneth & Carol Ramthun, and Ronald Brandt. Motion carried.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT RC&D PRESENTATION**

*Appearance: Craig Ficenec, USDA RC& D Coordinator*

Mr. Ficenec presented an overview of the Town and Country RC&D, which is non-profit organization supported by the USDA-NRCS. The Town and Country RC&D engages volunteer leaders in southeastern Wisconsin to deliver projects for resource conservation and community development. Among current projects, Town & Country has assisted livestock farmers to convert cropland into

1 permanent, well-managed pasture, prepared woodland owners to sustainably harvest trees in the path of  
2 the emerald ash borer, and supported partner projects including the Wisconsin Water Star program and  
3 the Southeastern Wisconsin Farm Fresh Atlas.  
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5 **LETTER OF SUPPORT REGARDING A 2011 DNR LAKE PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION**  
6 **FOR BIG CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT**

7 Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ewert to authorize Chairperson Stern to send a letter to the Big  
8 Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District supporting their application for a Wisconsin  
9 Department of Natural Resources Lake Management Grant to fund a study of two groundwater aquifer  
10 springs that flow directly into Gilbert Lake and then into Big Cedar Lake and to locate other major points  
11 of groundwater flow into the lakes. Motion carried.  
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13 **REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

14 Moved by Mr. Heidtke, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the year-long professional improvement  
15 leadership training for Stephanie Hofmann, including out-of-state travel to Indianapolis, Indiana and  
16 Washington D.C., at no additional direct cost to Washington County. Motion carried.  
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18 **STAFFING UPDATE**

19 Mr. Mueller reported Staff plans to under fill the senior technician position, formerly held by County  
20 Conservationist Paul Sebo, with a project technician.  
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22 **LAKE DISTRICT'S REQUEST FOR AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES GRANT FUNDING**

23 Mr. Mueller reported the Green Lake Association has inquired if 2010 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)  
24 Control grant funds would be available to Green Lake for Eurasian Water Milfoil control. Mr. Mueller  
25 reported the grant funds were dedicated to fund a ¾ time AIS Coordinator for three years and did not  
26 include third party funding. The AIS Coordinator would be available to provide assistance to the Green  
27 Lake Association, but funding from the grant would not be available. Committee directed staff to send a  
28 letter to the Green Lake Association informing them that the Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator  
29 services are accessible to the Lake Association, but no funding will be available.  
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31 **ADJOURNMENT**

32 Chairperson Stern adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.  
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Brenda J. Jaszewski, County Clerk