

1 **LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

2
3 Public Agency Center
4 West Bend, WI

February 8, 2006
1:00 p.m.

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6 Present: Maurice Strupp, Kenneth W. Brandt, Mary A. Krumbiegel, Donald H. Roskopf, John W. Stern, Herbert J.
7 Tennes, Michael W. Thull, and Deborah L. Wilke.

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9 Also present: Administrator Paul E. Mueller, County Conservationist Blaine Delzer, County Clerk Brenda Jaszewski,
10 and Insurance Coordinator Jennifer Squires.

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12 Chairperson Strupp called the meeting to order and read the Affidavit of Posting.

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14 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

15 Moved by Ms. Wilke, seconded by Mr. Tennes to approve the minutes of January 11, 2006. Motion carried.

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17 **NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE UPDATE**

18 Appearance: Betsy Gillen, Acting NRCS District Conservationist

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20 Ms. Gillen updated the Committee on the CRP sign-up, which will be March 27 – April 14, 2006. The two EQIP
21 applications include \$56 for Critical Area Planning, and \$15,615 for CNMP, for a total of \$15,671 for 2006. There are
22 new energy incentives and new contract completion incentives. There are currently four District Conservationist
23 vacancies in Wisconsin. Beginning February 18, 2006, Ms. Gillen will no longer be acting NRCS District
24 Conservationist, as Mr. Pat Lake will be her replacement.

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26 **LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT**

27 Mr. Delzer distributed the monthly activities report for December 2005, and January 2006, and noted that future
28 reports will be presented on a bi-monthly basis.

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30 One of the engineering services the Land & Water Conservation Division is working on is the proposed Park and Ride
31 lot at Fair Park. Mr. Roskopf updated the Committee as to the status of the proposed Park and Ride lot plan for Fair
32 Park, and noted that at this point, the Washington County Transit program would lease the lot, rather than owning it.

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34 **QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING SENATE BILL 504 – LIVESTOCK SITING LAW & WPDES PERMITS**

35 Mr. Delzer explained that Senate Bill 504 would redefine the method used to qualify livestock operations subject to the
36 Livestock Siting Law and WPDES permits. The formula to determine whether or not a farm needs a permit for being
37 over 1,000 animal units would be changed so that the result would require fewer operations subject to a WPDES
38 permit. Using the proposed EPA standard, rather than the current Wisconsin standard, the regulation requirements
39 would be reduced. Mr. Delzer recommends Washington County communicate our concerns and opposition to this
40 proposed law. With Committee consensus, Mr. Delzer will prepare a letter from this Committee to the WLWCA
41 Legislative Committee outlining the concerns and opposition to Senate Bill 504.

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43 **JOINT DATCP/DNR GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2007 – STAFFING & TRM APPLICATIONS**

44 Mr. Delzer will be attending a training session later this month to facilitate the grant application process for the
45 DATCP/DNR grant for 2007, which is due April 15, 2006.

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47 **NON-METALLIC MINING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

48 Mr. Delzer explained that the Town of Kewaskum approved an ordinance to relinquish control over non-metallic
49 mining by entering into an inter-government agreement with Washington County. With this agreement, the Town may
50 put the program back into their jurisdiction at some point in the future if they so choose. The contract for this
51 agreement is being reviewed by the County Attorney's office and will be presented to this Committee in March.

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53 **NONLAPSING & TRANSFER REQUESTS**

1 Mr. Delzer presented a request for non-lapsing the following 2005 funds to 2006, to be used for grant programs and
2 training:

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4	2807005.481023	\$4,000.00
5	2807001.431089	\$4,000.00
6	2807001.451010	\$1,207.07
7	2807001.398051	\$4,000.00
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9 Moved by Mr. Roskopf, seconded by Ms. Wilke to approve the request to non-lapse the above 2005 funds to 2006.
10 Motion carried.

11 **COST SHARING CONTRACT – AMENDMENT/PAYMENTS/RELEASES – SIP CONTRACTS**

12 Moved by Mr. Stern, seconded by Ms. Krumbiegel to approve the following:

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15	Dennis Stuetgen	LWCD-06-01	\$2,700	450 Ac., Richfield, Sec. 29 (New SIP Contract)
16	Dennis Schauer	LWCD-06-02	\$1,950	325 Ac., Hartford, Sec. 36 (New SIP Contract)
17	Dale Hesselink	LWCD-06-03	\$ 810	133 Ac., Erin, Sec. 31 (New SIP Contract)
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19 Motion carried.

20 **UPDATE ON SE AREA LAND & WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION**

21 Mr. Delzer explained the continued dissatisfaction with WLWCA, and recommends Washington County disassociate
22 with WLWCA and transfer the fees that would have been directed to WLWCA to the SE Area Land & Water
23 Conservation Association. Ms. Krumbiegel stated that WLWCA continues to focus on northern Wisconsin, while
24 other areas of the state, including Washington County, are not receiving equal representation. Mr. Delzer stated there
25 are 11 other counties that have dropped WLWCA and an additional 15 are considering it. The annual dues for
26 WLWCA, in the amount of \$950, would be reallocated to the SE Area Land & Water Conservation Association,
27 bringing our total annual contribution to \$1,000.
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29 **CONSIDERATION OF TRANSFERRING MEMBERSHIP DUES FROM WLWCA TO SE AREA LAND & 30 WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION**

31 Moved by Mr. Roskopf, seconded by Ms. Wilke to withdraw from WLWCA and become a part of the SE Area Land
32 & Water Conservation Association. Motion carried.
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34 **UPDATE ON CONSERVATION LOBBY DAY**

35 Mr. Delzer attended the Conservation day in Madison that was put on by the League of Conservation Voters. Mr.
36 Delzer met with Senator Grothman and Representative Strachota to discuss issues pertinent to our area, including the
37 maintaining of adequate funding for both staff and cost sharing throughout the state.
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39 **ADJOURNMENT**

40 Moved by Mr. Tennes, seconded by Ms. Wilke to adjourn the Land Conservation Committee meeting at 1:37 p.m.
41 Motion carried.
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Brenda J. Jaszewski, County Clerk