

1 **LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

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4 Public Agency Center
5 West Bend, WI

April 11, 2007
1:00 p.m.

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7 Present: John W. Stern, Kenneth W. Brandt, Melvin K. Ewert, Daniel R. Knodl, Charlene S. Brady
8 (arrived at 1:06 p.m.), and Michael Thull.

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10 Excused: Mark T. McCune, and Donald J. Berchem.

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12 Also present: Land Resources Manager Phil Gaudet, Senior Technician Paul Sebo, Project Technician
13 Stephanie Hofmann, GIS Manager Eric Damkot, County Engineer/Surveyor Scott Schmidt, and
14 Deputy County Clerk Jennifer Schlosser.

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16 Chairman Stern called the meeting to order and read the Affidavit of Posting.

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18 **MINUTES**

19 Moved by Mr. Knodl, seconded by Mr. Ewert to approve the minutes of March 14, 2007. Motion
20 carried.

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22 **NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE UPDATE – BETSY GILLEN, NRCS**
23 **DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST FOR WASHINGTON/OZAUKEE COUNTIES**

24 Ms. Gillen informed the Committee that the NRCS is in the process of reviewing EQIP contracts per
25 the direction of the national level. There is a substantial amount of money in EQIP contracts that have
26 not been implemented. The status of the contracts needs to be determined as does the outcome of the
27 contract as an audit for the State of Wisconsin will be done sometime this summer. According to Ms.
28 Gillen, all 2007 Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) funds have been frozen. Counties thought
29 they were awarded WHIP contracts; however, the funds may not be available. Ms. Gillen informed the
30 Committee that the NRCS is currently working on the 2007 EQIP sign up; turning applications into
31 contracts. The NRCS is appreciative of the assistance from the County Engineer.

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33 **EROSION CONTROL & STORMWATER MANAGEMENT (ECSM) – CHAPTER 17 –**
34 **APPOINTMENT FOR ECSM WORKGROUP**

35 At the March 14, 2007, LCC meeting, the Committee was informed that there would be a meeting on
36 March 16, 2007, to develop an ECSM Workgroup to revise Chapter 17 per Mr. Sebo. The ECSM
37 Chapter 17 revisions are to ensure the County complies with all state laws and regulations. Ms. Brady
38 attended the March 16, 2007 meeting. Additionally, Ms. Brady contacted Mr. Stern and advised that
39 she had no objection to being appointed for the ECSM Workgroup.

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41 Moved by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Mr. Ewert to appoint Ms. Brady for the Erosion Control &
42 Stormwater Management Workgroup. Motion carried.

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44 **DNR TARGETED RUNOFF MANAGEMENT (TRM) PROJECT**

45 Mr. Sebo informed the Committee that a DNR Targeted Runoff Management Program Grant
46 Application is being sought to assist with the cost of constructing a Manure Storage System on the
47 Harold Ramthun Farm in Washington County. Mr. Ramthun is very limited on the amount of acres he
48 has available to him for the safe application of manure on frozen/snow covered ground, along with the

1 areas limited to Nitrogen applications on soils with high groundwater or high permeability.
2 Approximately 50% of the cropland owned and operated by Mr. Ramthun has a spreading restriction
3 based on the Natural Resources Conservation Service's 590 Nutrient Management Standard. Mr.
4 Ramthun currently has a dairy herd of 110 milk cows, heifers and steers resulting in a 285 animal unit
5 operation. Additionally, Mr. Ramthun follows a strict six year cropping sequence of two years of Corn
6 followed by an Oats crop and three years of Alfalfa. With the amount of animals, Mr. Ramthun would
7 annually need 200 acres of land to effectively spread this manure; however, with the nutrient
8 management recommendations and standard manure management practices, it is recommended that
9 Mr. Ramthun only spread manure prior to the first and second years of corn at a rate of 14 and 38 tons.
10 Mr. Sebo further informed the Committee that the total cost to build a Manure Storage System would
11 be \$135,000. The cost share percentage of the grant is seventy percent, or \$94,500.
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13 Moved by Mr. Ewert, seconded by Mr. Thull to approve the DNR Targeted runoff Management
14 Program Grant application in the amount of \$94,500 for Mr. Ramthun of Harold Ramthun Farm in
15 Washington County. Motion carried.
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17 **JOINT DATCP/DNR NONPOINT SOURCE GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2008 CALENDAR** 18 **YEAR**

19 Mr. Sebo informed the Committee that the Joint DATCP/DNR Nonpoint Source Grant is a
20 combination staffing and cost-share grant that the Land and Water Conservation Division applies for
21 annually. For the staffing/planning section of the grant application Mr. Sebo informed the Committee
22 that the minimum amount awarded is \$85,000. For 2007, the DATCP awarded approximately
23 \$135,000 to Washington County. For 2008, the total amount requested of the DATCP is \$260,763.
24 For the cost-sharing section of the grant application, the amount requested of the DATCP is \$110,000
25 and the amount requested of the DNR is \$94,500.
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27 Moved by Mr. Ewert, seconded by Mr. Brandt to approve the Joint DATCP/DNR Nonpoint Source
28 Grant Application for 2008 with total staffing requests of \$260,736 from the DATCP, total cost-
29 sharing requests of \$110,000 from the DATCP, and total cost-sharing requests of \$94,500 from the
30 DNR. Motion carried.
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32 **TEMPORARY SITE FOR 2008 AGRICULTURAL & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE** 33 **COLLECTION PROGRAM**

34 Ms. Hofmann provided the Committee with pictures of the fall 2005 Clean Sweep showing the flow of
35 traffic, volume of people, and quantity of goods being brought in. Ms. Hofmann informed the
36 Committee that the West Bend Highway Shop site would allow for two lanes of traffic on Lang Street
37 and into the actual shop. The City of West Bend Police aided in directing traffic and closing off the
38 street to two-way traffic for the 2005 Clean Sweep Program. The Slinger Highway Shop site is a
39 smaller shop that has two lanes with offices in the middle of the shop. Traffic would be coming off of
40 Highway 175 and this site would only allow for one lane of traffic. The Slinger Highway Shop site
41 would have the potential of cross traffic with vehicles attempting to get back onto Highway 175. Ms.
42 Hofmann advised the Committee to consider which site would have the least traffic back-up potential
43 and little to no cross traffic problems as the goal is to get vehicles into the site, unloaded, and out as
44 quickly as possible. Mr. Sebo informed the Committee that the owners of the goods being dropped off
45 do not aid in taking the items out of their vehicle, nor does any County staff. County staff members
46 direct traffic and take surveys as part of the grant requirement. The Committee unanimously
47 recommended using the West Bend Highway Shop for the 2008 Agricultural and Household
48 Hazardous Waste Collection Program.

1 **RESOLUTION – 2008 TEMPORARY AGRICULTURAL & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS**
2 **WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM**

3 Mr. Sebo informed the Committee that the 2007 Resolution for the 2008 Agricultural and Household
4 Hazardous Waste Temporary Facility Collection Program Grant for Washington County indicates that
5 as a result of outstanding public participation in 2005, the program's actual expenditures were
6 \$100,252.53. Washington County received state grant funds for the program totaling \$42,000.
7 Washington County's portion was \$58,252.53, of which \$32,502.53 came from the General Fund and
8 \$25,750 from matching in-kind services. The final collections totaled 6,607 pounds of agricultural
9 hazardous waste and 50,334 pounds of household hazardous waste from 721 residents in Washington
10 County. Mr. Sebo further informed the Committee that historically \$25,000 in grant funding is made
11 available through the Agricultural & Household Hazardous Waste Temporary Facility Collection
12 Program through the DATCP. The Resolution states that the Department is requesting program
13 funding to cover the actual program expenditures upon the completion of the 2008 program, with
14 estimated projected expenditures totaling \$108,250. Projected state grant funding is approximately
15 \$25,000. County funding is approximately \$83,250, of which \$60,000 would come from the General
16 Fund and \$23,250 from matching in-kind services, however, the resolution allows for the use of up to
17 \$85,000 of General Fund money.

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19 Moved by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Ms. Brady to approve the Resolution for the 2008 Temporary
20 Agricultural & Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program and forward to the Finance
21 Committee. Motion carried.

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23 **COST SHARE CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS/RELEASES**

24 Moved by Mr. Knodl, seconded by Ms. Brady to approve the cost share contracts for Arnold Fehring
25 for \$392 and Richard Rohde for \$1,204, both in the Town of Hartford, for Ihlenfeld Farms LLC for
26 \$170 and \$238 in the Town of Barton, for Harold Ramthun for \$1,808 in the Town of Farmington, and
27 for Robert Schreffler for \$1,327.60 in the Town of Kewaskum. Motion carried.

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29 **2006 PUBLIC LAND SURVEY SYSTEM (PLSS) MONUMENT MAINTENANCE WORK**

30 Mr. Schmidt reminded the Committee that the 2006 Public Land Survey System Monument
31 maintenance work in the Town of Richfield was done in two separate phases; phase one was to
32 actually inspect the monuments and their tie points and phase two was to reset any tie points or
33 benchmarks, and replace or repair those monuments. Phase one of the project was awarded to Kapur.
34 For phase two, Kapur was the second rated firm, but the lowest cost. The recommendation that was
35 made to the PCPC Committee was to accept the Aerometric bid, but the PCPC Committee chose to
36 accept the Kapur bid as it was the lowest. Phase two was to be finished by January 31, 2007. The
37 final deliverables have not yet been received from Kapur. Mr. Damkot and Mr. Schmidt met with
38 Kapur on October 19, 2006 to review past performance and future expectations to ensure errors made
39 in phase one would not follow through to phase two. Kapur first made contact with Mr. Schmidt in
40 December 2006, taking two months off after the initial October 19, 2006 meeting. According to Kapur
41 this was due to in house staffing problems. On approximately February 6, 2007, the draft version of all
42 of the tie sheets showing tie points, monuments, and elevations was received. After reviewing all 96
43 submitted, only 17 were error free. An important part of the project was missed; if a benchmark
44 existed, a second benchmark was to be put in place. Additional errors included wrong street names
45 and wrong section monuments. Mr. Schmidt informed the Committee that he has spent approximately
46 twelve to twenty hours of extra time reviewing the work done by Kapur. Mr. Knodl inquired if money
47 for staff time spent on errors made by Kapur could be deducted from the amount paid. Mr. Brandt
48 suggested doing a spot check of all monuments. Mr. Mueller inquired of Mr. Schmidt if the surveyor

1 or engineer stamped and sealed the phase two documents. Mr. Schmidt informed Mr. Mueller that as
2 the phase two information was only a draft, it did not require a stamp or seal from a registered surveyor
3 or engineer.
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5 **2007 PUBLIC LAND SURVEY SYSTEM (PLSS) MONUMENT MAINTENANCE WORK**
6 **PLAN**

7 Mr. Schmidt stated that Washington County is looking at doing the 2007 Public Land Survey System
8 Monument Maintenance Work Project in the Town of Trenton much like the 2006 project was done,
9 using two phases. The first phase would be to send out a Request for Proposal that would have a crew
10 inspect monuments and ties and come back with a map reporting the condition of the monuments and
11 ties. The second part of this project would be to repair the monuments.
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13 **ADJOURNMENT**

14 Moved by Mr. Ewert, seconded by Mr. Brant to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. Motion carried.
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Brenda J. Jaszewski, County Clerk