

1 **LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

2
3 Public Agency Center
4 West Bend, WI

October 10, 2007
1:00 p.m.

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6 Present: John W. Stern, Kenneth W. Brandt, Melvin K. Ewert, Charlene S. Brady, Mark T.
7 McCune (arrived at 1:11 pm) and Michael Thull.

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9 Excused: Daniel Knodl, and Donald J. Berchem.

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11 Also present: Administrator Paul Mueller, County Conservationist Jill Hapner, County Engineer/
12 Surveyor Scott Schmidt, County Clerk Brenda Jaszewski, and Deputy Clerk Patty Hoerig.

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

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16 **MINUTES**

17 Moved by Mr. Ewert, seconded by Ms. Brady to approve the minutes of September 12, 2007.
18 Motion carried.

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20 **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF 2008 WILDLIFE DAMAGE & ABATEMENT**
21 **BUDGET**

22 Appearance: Dan Hirschert, USDA-APHIS Assistant Supervisor; Rich Christian, USDA-APHIS
23 Wildlife Specialist

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25 Mr. Christian reviewed the program and confirmed this program will be completely funded by the
26 Department of Natural Resources and the USDA Wildlife Services.

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28 Moved by Ms. Brady, seconded by Mr. Brandt to approve the 2008 Washington County WDACP
29 Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$25,171.58. Motion carried.

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31 **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF 2007 CROP PRICES WILDLIFE DAMAGE &**
32 **ABATEMENT PROGRAM**

33 Appearance: Dan Hirschert, USDA-APHIS Assistant Supervisor; Rich Christian, USDA-APHIS
34 Wildlife Specialist

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36 Moved by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Mr. Ewert to approve the 2007 Crop Prices for the Wildlife
37 Damage & Abatement Program as presented. Motion carried.

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39 Mr. McCune arrived at 1:11 p.m.

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41 **USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT**

42 Appearance: Betsy Gillen, District Conservationist

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44 Ms. Gillen reported on the NRCS activities and stated there is currently no fiscal year 2008
45 budget. EQUIP sign-up has begun and contracts are due by December 31, 2007.

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2 Moved by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Mr. Ewert to approve the USDA Natural Resources
3 Conservation Service report. Motion carried.

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5 **UPDATE ON WASTE SITING EXTENSION REQUEST**

6 Ms. Hapner stated The Waste Facility Siting Board will meet on Thursday, November 15, 2007 to
7 determine whether Washington County should be granted an extension to file its siting resolution
8 and be allowed to participate in the negotiations with Waste Management of Wisconsin, Inc.

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10 **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF VACANCY CREDITS REQUESTS**

11 Ms. Hapner requested using vacancy credit funds to purchase new surface water quality
12 monitoring equipment and repair of old equipment consisting of:

- 13 • Portable photometer \$1,500.00
- 14 • Flow meter \$1,500.00
- 15 • 4 ammonium probes \$1,560.00
- 16 • 4 nitrate probes \$1,560.00
- 17 • 1 DO probe \$510.00
- 18 • 2 YSI 6920 Sondes \$3,400.00
- 19 • 1 YSI 6600 Sonde \$3,000.00

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21 Total equipment expense is \$13,030.00. In addition, Ms. Hapner is requesting the use of vacancy
22 credits to cover expenses for the development of a combined monitoring database in the amount of
23 \$15,000, which will begin in 2007 and carry over into 2008.

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25 Moved by Mr. McCune, seconded by Ms. Brady to approve the purchase and repair of the surface
26 water quality monitoring equipment not to exceed \$13,030.00, the development of a combined
27 monitoring database in the amount of \$15,000.00, authorize the non-lapsing of funds for the
28 database to 2008, using the funds from vacancy credits, and to pursue any potential grant funding
29 available for these projects. Motion carried.

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31 **AUTHORIZATION FOR ACCEPTING DONATION ITEMS FOR WLWCA**
32 **CONFERENCE**

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34 Ms. Hapner is requesting authorization to solicit or purchase an item to be donated at the
35 WLWCA conference.

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37 Moved by Mr. McCune, seconded by Mr. Ewert to authorize the solicitation and acceptance, or
38 purchase of an item not to exceed \$35, to be donated to the WLWCA Conference. Motion carried.

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40 **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL COST SHARE CONTRACT /AMENDMENT /**
41 **RELEASES**

42 There are no items for consideration.

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44 **INFORMATIONAL & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & RELATED DISCUSSION**

45 Ms. Hapner stated there is a cost to land owners for soil sampling, of up to \$21.00 per acre. Ms.
46 Hapner received notification from the DNR that they are planning on releasing trout from the

1 hatchery to Stoney Creek, Wayne Creek, Cedar Creek, Mink Creek and Coldfield Creek. Mr.
2 Schmidt clarified that when the County vacates a road, the land goes back to the previous land
3 owner. Mr. Schmidt stated that there is an 80 hour training course for bridge inspection
4 certification and Highway Commissioner Ken Pesch is not currently certified to conduct bridge
5 inspections.

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7 **ADJOURNMENT**

8 Moved by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Mr. Ewert to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. Motion carried.

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Brenda J. Jaszewski, County Clerk