

**DODGE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
127 EAST OAK STREET  
JUNEAU, WI 53039  
May 26, 2015**

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) met on May 26, 2015 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 1C of the Dodge County Administration Building.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel, Bill Muche, Howard Kriewald, Larry Bischoff, and Bill Foley. Gerald Adelmeyer was absent.

**Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present:** Marc Bethke, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD); and John Bohonek, Conservation Engineering Technician .

**Others Present:** Ruth Johnson and Greg Farnham, Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Commissioners; and Naomi Kriewald.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING:** Motion by Muche to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of April 27, 2015 as sent by mail; seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS:** Greg Farnham distributed copies of a letter that he had written addressed to LCC Chairman Ed Nelson regarding compliance issues with Drainage District #88 in Dodge County, and asked the committee and department to get more actively involved in conservation compliance issues of the Dodge County Drainage Board, and Dodge County Drainage Districts.

**AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS:** There were no agency advisor reports.

**REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUE:** The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW AND REVISED CONSERVATION PLANS:** There were no conservation plans presented for consideration by the committee.

**MANURE STORAGE ORDINANCE PROJECTS STATUS REPORT:** John Bohonek presented a status report of recent and ongoing activities under the Dodge County Manure Storage and Nutrient Utilization Ordinance (see attached report).

**2015 FORESTRY PROGRAMS REPORTS:** Marc Bethke distributed copies of the 2015 Small Packet Tree Sales Program Final Report (see attached report). It was also reported that two county landowners rented the Dodge County tree planter this year, and one person rented the herbicide sprayer.

**LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COST SHARE PROGRAM – MONTHLY REPORT:** Marc Bethke distributed copies of the May report of cost-share activities under the Land & Water Resource Management Program (see attached report).

**LAND & WATER POWER POINT PRESENTATION:** Land Conservation Committee member Bill Foley shared a power point presentation covering various land & water resource management issues that he would like to see included in the next revision of the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan.

**COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST MONTHLY REPORT: SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS AND OTHER ISSUES:** Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:** Bill Muche reported on items of discussion at the most recent meeting of the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District. Major issues covered included conservation buffers in Dodge County, and repair work that is needed on the geo-tube that was installed in one bay of the lake several years ago. Dale Macheel reported on items of discussion at the most recent meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake District. Major issues covered included efforts to work with the Town of Fox Lake on enacting a town ordinance that would limit the expansion of concentrated animal feeding operations in the Town of Fox Lake. Much of the meeting also involved a discussion regarding maintenance of the district's sanitary sewer system. Bill Foley reported that the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association received a Healthy Lakes Grant in the amount of \$4,600 from the Wisconsin DNR to help pay for five separate lake shore improvement projects. The annual Fish & Fun day on Beaver Dam Lake is scheduled for June 6, 2015.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Copies of a letter and attached pictures from Greg Farnham to Chairman Ed Nelson regarding conservation issues related to Drainage District 88 were distributed to all committee members.

**PER DIEMS:** Motion by Kriewald seconded by Bischoff to approve the regular per diems, in addition to the following:  
Bill Muche – Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Meeting on May 12, 2015 – per diem and 15 miles.  
Dale Macheel – Fox Lake Inland Lake District Meeting on May 14, 2015 – per diem and 22 miles.  
Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 22, 2015 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Bischoff to adjourn at 10:20 AM, seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

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Ed Nelson, Chair

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Marc Bethke, Acting Secretary

**Disclaimer:** The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

## LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

### (BILLS)

OfficeMax - Miscellaneous Office Supplies	=	\$ 32.87
USDA-APHIS - 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015 Wildlife Crop Damage Program Expenses	=	\$ 5,472.69
Wheeler's Laura's Lane Nursery - Final Payment for 2015 Small Packet Trees	=	<u>\$ 11,186.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$ 16,691.56</b>

### (REVENUE)

Six Small Packet Tree Sales	=	\$ 1,289.10
One Landowner - Manure Storage Ordinance Technical Assistance Earnest Fee	=	\$ 1,000.00
Two Landowners - Manure Storage Ordinance Permit Fees	=	<u>\$ 800.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$ 3,089.10</b>

## MAY ANIMAL WASTE ORDINANCE REPORT

Ryan Kittel(Burnett) – Working on project

Steve Griswold(Calamus) – Design completed. Construction later this year.

Kooiker Calves(Fox Lake) – wants storage. WPDES.

Bruce Walker(Trenton) - wants storage. WPDES.

Andrew Feucht(Herman) – Design completed. Construction later this year.

Larry Bulwalda(Trenton N) – Storage almost complete. Working on transfer.

Harry King(Lomira) – Design complete. Out on bids.

John Rettler(Lebanon) – Working on design.

Dale Christian(Lomira) – Wants to add on to existing storage. Private Engineer. WPDES.

Andy Schraufnagel(Leroy) – Project complete.

Bob Condon(Oak Grove) – Design complete.

Leroy Gyax(Lomira) – Working on design.

**SPRING 2015 SMALL PACKET TREE SALES PROGRAM  
FINAL REPORT**

- Sold 23,000 trees and shrubs to 244 customers
  - Gross revenue from trees and shrub sales = \$21,620
  - Program Outlays Included:
    1. Cost to Purchase Trees = \$15,668
    2. Cost for U-Haul Rental Truck and Fuel = \$ 217
    3. Cost for bags to Package Trees = \$ 64
    4. Postage = \$ 319
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- Total Program Costs (not including staff time) = \$16,268

**Net Gain for the 2015 Sales Program (Gross Revenues minus Total Program Costs) =**

**\$21,620 Total Revenue (minus) \$16,268 Total Costs = Net Gain of \$ 5,352 for 2015**

**LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COST SHARE PROGRAM REPORT**

April 27, 2015 - May 26, 2015

**Cost Share Agreements Signed**

<u>(Name)</u>	<u>(Cons. Practice)</u>	<u>(\$ Committed to Agreements)</u>
Dodge Co. Highway Comm.	Well Decommissioning	\$500.00
Russell Schroeder	Diversion and Waterway	\$3,823.75
Peter Bonack	Diversion and Waterway	5,040
Total		9,364

**Cost Share Agreements Awaiting Signatures**

<u>(Name)</u>	<u>(Cons. Practice)</u>	<u>(\$ To Be Committed)</u>
Gerald Zingsheim	Critical Area Stabilizations	\$6,177.50
Total		\$6,177.50

**Cost Share Payments to Landowners**

<u>(Name)</u>	<u>(Cons. Practice)</u>	<u>(\$ Expended)</u>
None		

## **MAY 2015 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT**

### **SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:**

- Submitted personnel requisition to Jim Mielke and Human Resources and Labor Negotiations Committee to fill the Administrative Secretary III vacancy as a 32-hour per week position.
- Prepared 2015 Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) conservation compliance certification and crop report mailing.
- Prepared FPP Certificates of Compliance for Theresa landowners that are in full compliance with all soil and water conservation performance standards.
- Reviewed air photos for Town of Calamus to identify prospective projects and future contacts for soil erosion control and water quality protection work.
- Spoke to Dodge County Farm Bureau Board of Directors to make them aware that a request has been made to Dodge County to create a county-wide conservation buffer ordinance, and to ask them to consider sending representatives to a meeting later this summer to discuss the issue.

**LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COST SHARE PROGRAM REPORT**

May 27, 2015 - July 27, 2015

**Cost Share Agreements Signed**

<u>(Name)</u>	<u>(Cons. Practice)</u>	<u>(\$ Committed to Agreements)</u>
Neal Stippich	Grassed Waterway	\$4,620.00
Nehls Brothers Farms LTD	Well Decommissioning	\$500.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,210</b>

**Cost Share Payments to Landowners**

<u>(Name)</u>	<u>(Cons. Practice)</u>	<u>(\$ Expended)</u>
Nehls Brothers Farms LTD	Well Decommissioning	\$328.30
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$328.30</b>



## **JUNE-JULY 2015 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT**

### **SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:**

- Processed 2015 Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) conservation compliance certification reports from participating landowners – approximately 50 reports still to be received.
- Field checked and certified implementation of new residue management acres on farms planned under prior year nutrient management training program.
- Prepared and mailed out FPP Certificates of Compliance for Calamus and Portland landowners that are in full compliance with all FPP soil and water conservation performance standards – began to prepare Certificates of Compliance for fully compliant Trenton farms.
- Met with Jeff Hoffman to prepare for buffer ordinance small group meetings – attended both the environmental representative and farmer representative small group meetings.
- Worked cooperatively with Veterans Service Officer Andy Miller, County Administrator Jim Mielke, and Human Resources Assistant Director Sarah Eske to create a new Administrative Secretary III job position description to be shared between the Veterans Service Office and the Land Conservation Department – approval for this new position to be sought at the July 21, 2015 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors.