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LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Norbert Dantine, Jr., Chair
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Bernie Erickson, Dave Landwehr, Tom Sieber
Citizen Rep: Vacant

LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, May 22, 2017

6:00 PM

Room 200, Northern Building

305 E. Walnut Street

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

****NOTE TIME AND LOCATION****

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Approve/Modify Agenda.
- III. Approve/Modify Minutes of April 24, 2017.
- IV. Discussion of June meeting location.

Comments from the Public

1. Budget Status Financial Report for April, 2017.
2. Open Positions.
3. Directors Report.
 - a. Department Relocation.
 - b. Demonstration Farm Outreach Update. Whitney Passint, UWEX Natural Resources Educator.
4. Discussion and possible action re: the Aquila Resources' "Back Forty" sulfide mine. *Held from March meeting.*

Other

5. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.
6. Adjourn.

Norb Dantine, Jr., Chair

Notice is hereby given that action by the Committee may be taken on any of the items which are described or listed in this agenda.

Please take notice that it is possible additional members of the Board of Supervisors may attend this meeting, resulting in a majority or quorum of the Board of Supervisors. This may constitute a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a regular & budget meeting of the Brown County Land Conservation Subcommittee was held on Monday, April 24, 2017 at Public Works Department, 2198 Glendale Ave, Howard, WI

Present: Supervisors Norbert Dantine, Dave Kaster, Dave Landwehr, Tom Sieber
Excused: Supervisor Bernie Erickson
Vacant: Citizen Rep
Also Present: County Conservationist Mike Mushinski and other interested parties.

**Audio of the meeting is available by contacting the County Board office (920) 448-4015.*

I. **Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dantine at 5:00 p.m.

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

Motion made by Supervisor Kaster, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. **Approve/Modify Minutes of March 27, 2017.**

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

IV. **Discussion of May meeting.**

A brief discussion ensued with regard to location ideas, it was decided to go downtown for May and discuss further at that meeting.

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Landwehr to move the May meeting to Room 200, Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Comments from the Public

1. **Departmental Openings Summary.**

County Conservationist Mike Mushinski informed that the same Agronomist position was still on hold for funding.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to receive and place on file. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. **Budget Status Financial Report for March 2017 - Unaudited.**

Mushinski informed that financially they were starting out the year in good shape.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Directors Report:

Mushinski informed they were anticipating their move from the UW-Extension building to UWGB on May 1-5, 2017. Their office will be shut down the 3rd and 4th so Technology Services can take down and hook their service and phones back up.

They had a series of complaints and runoff issues the last few weeks that they handled. He was involved with Corporation Counsel on a couple of them and with Supervisor Clancy on one. There were a few major issues they were dealing with. They had some corporation with landowners and if it continued they will be okay.

a. Multi Discharge Variance (MDV).

Handouts provided (attached); Mushinski informed this had been in the works for quite a while with the DNR and EPA, and it came down to the counties. Instead of making upgrades to their facility, this was an avenue for point source discharges to buy into this multi-discharger variance with credits, \$50/lb., allowing them to find more economical solutions. Every 5-years when the permits came available for industries that discharged phosphorus, they could choose this variance. Instead of doing the upgrades and the money going to the DNR, it would be directly paid to the Brown County Land and Water Conservation Department and would be used for non-point work such as their watershed areas or any phosphorus control practices. 35% can go for staff and the remaining for projects. So at the end of this year Brown County will submit a County Participation Form to the DNR. He had heard most point dischargers will elect to have the payment go to the county. Their department was set for implementing but will more than likely have to assign someone to track it, etc.

Mushinski continued that in the State of Wisconsin, paper mills will be the biggest point source discharges of phosphorus. The first estimate he saw was a sizeable chunk of money potentially. It will all depend on what the point sources choose; upgrades, MDV, etc.

Sieber questioned if the per pound was self-regulated. Mushinski stated that on their permit they had a reduction that the DNR was going to set for them. If it was 1,000 lbs., their payment would be 1,000x\$50. The DNR set it and the county got the check.

Landwehr stated that at budget time he would like to see them not put the money into staffing because at some point it was going to go away and they would end up having to find other ways to pay it. Mushinski noted that they had 2-3 years to use the money so it was a short time frame and he would think they would want to put more into projects but use some for staffing.

b. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).

A handout was provided, attached. Mushinski informed that Brown County wasn't currently involved in CREP. It started in 2002 and since then that program had lapsed in the county but they were picking it back up. Originally they had \$240,000 bonded and spent about \$120,000. The last 5-7 years they hadn't spent anything; CREP basically stopped. In 2002 the first contracts were signed and were for 15-years so they were coming due again in 2017. Those agreements were still in place, they just hadn't done any new ones in a long time. He got contacted by FSA and USDA saying it would be a value to landowners in the county. So instead of the first 15-year ones coming out, CREP can be used to do another 15-year agreement or perpetual easement.

**Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Other

4. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.

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5. **Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to adjourn at 5:14 p.m. Vote Taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

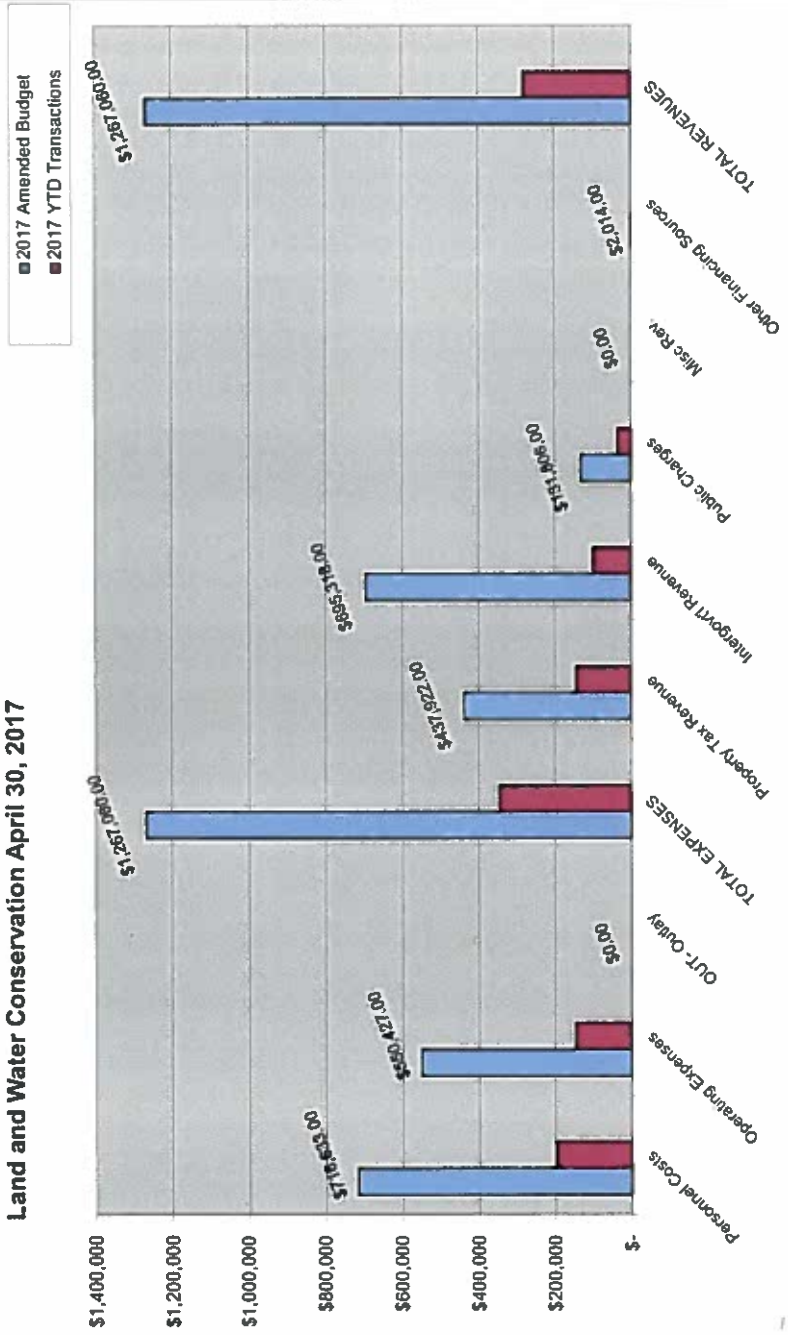
Respectfully submitted,

**Alicia A. Loehlein
Recording Secretary**

**Brown County Land & Water Conservation
Budget Status Report (unaudited)
April 30, 2017**

| | <u>2017 Amended Budget</u> | <u>2017 YTD Transactions</u> | <u>2016 Amended Budget</u> | <u>2016 YTD Transactions</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Personnel Costs | \$716,633.00 | \$198,538.17 | \$697,153.00 | \$203,278.81 |
| Operating Expenses | \$550,427.00 | \$146,646.27 | \$512,278.00 | \$68,957.39 |
| OUT- Outlay | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$1,267,060.00 | \$345,184.44 | \$1,209,431.00 | \$272,236.20 |
| Property Tax Revenue | \$437,922.00 | \$145,974.00 | \$424,228.00 | \$141,409.32 |
| Intergov't Revenue | \$695,318.00 | \$100,044.32 | \$643,984.00 | \$82,417.60 |
| Public Charges | \$131,806.00 | \$35,391.66 | \$132,760.00 | \$15,025.87 |
| Misc Rev. | \$0.00 | \$350.62 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Other Financing Sources | \$2,014.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,459.00 | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$1,267,060.00 | \$281,760.60 | \$1,209,431.00 | \$238,852.79 |

Land and Water Conservation April 30, 2017



Departmental Openings Summary May 15 2017

To: Land Conservation Committee

From: Land & Water Conservation Department

| Position | Vacancy Date | Reason for Leaving | Fill or Hold | Unfilled Reason |
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| Agronomist | Current | N/A | hold | grant funding not 100% |
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Ex: Transfer, Wage, Working Conditions