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LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

5:30 PM

Room 200, Northern Building

305 E. Walnut Street

Green Bay, WI

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

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Approve/Modify Agenda.
- III. Approve/Modify Minutes of January 23, 2024.

Comments from the Public

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION

1. Director's Report.
 - a. Wildlife damage program update – Jon Bechle.
 - b. ARPA Project update.
 - i. Project 78 (Cover Crop & No-till Incentive program).
 - ii. Project 79 (east River Water Trail).

Other

2. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.
3. Adjourn.

Norb Dantinne, 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 the 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 meeting of the Brown County Land Conservation Subcommittee was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 in Room 200, Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, WI.

Present: Chairman Norb Dantine, Vice-Chair Stan Kaczmarek, Supervisor Ray Suennen, Supervisor Tom Friberg, Supervisor Kevin Gannon, Supervisor Salvador Sierra
Also Present: County Conservationist Nicholas Peltier, and other interested parties.

I. **Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dantine at 5:30 p.m.

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

Motion made by Stan Kaczmarek, seconded by Supervisor Tom Friberg to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. **Approve/Modify Minutes of November 28, 2023.**

Motion made by Supervisor Gannon, seconded by Supervisor Suennen to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Comments from the Public None.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION

1. **ARPA New Project/Additional Funding Request for Project 78 Cover Crop and No-till Planting.**

County Conservationist Nicholas Peltier referred to the additional ARPA funding request form, provided in the agenda packet, and spoke to the additional \$50,000 requested. The Cover Crop and No-till Planting ARPA project was meant to compliment the efforts of the Fox Demo Farms in the county, to curve phosphorus and sediment runoff, giving farmers an opportunity to try those practices and offset some of their risk and buy new equipment or seed. The program has been very well received and very popular with farms. Peltier further spoke to the incentive dollars, also provided in the packet, which notes the initial grant amount, what was distributed, what's remaining, the cost to cover spring requests and the potential funding shortfalls to fulfil all requests from farms for spring no-till incentives.

Peltier furthered that any amount would be helpful to fulfill this need and informed there may be two other options. One was, the East River Water Trail ARPA project needed to get on contract by the end of the year, and they could transfer some of those funds over.

After further discussions ensued, the committee made the following motion:

Motion made by Stan Kaczmarek, seconded by Supervisor Suennen to send to Executive Committee with the recommendation to fund the additional \$50,000 to ARPA Project 78 (Cover Crop/No-till Incentive Program) with existing ARPA dollars, or to reduce \$50,000 from ARPA Project 79 (East River Water Trail) for Project 78. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **Director's Report:**

Their annual Fox Farmer Roundtable is Feb 14, an annual event for the demo farms to talk cover crop and no-till implementation.

Peltier was contacted by the Town of Rockland on an erosion issue. He attended their Planning Commission meeting, and they will be looking at this further when the snow melts and when conditions allow. He noted they had a grant from the DNR where they could possibly provide some funding for this issue.

- a. **Budget Status Financial Report through November 2023.**
- b. **ARPA Update: Project 78 (Cover Crop/No-till incentive program), Project 79 (East River Water Trail).**

Nick Peltier provided a brief update of each ARPA Project and their timelines. They need to be on contract by the end of the year and have two years to use the funds.

- c. **2024 WLWCA conference - March 6-8, 2024.**

Peltier informed the annual conference was in Green Bay this year. A copy of the conferences itinerary was provided (attached).

3. **Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law. None.**

4. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Stan Kaczmarek, seconded by Supervisor Friberg to adjourn at 5:57 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein
Legislative Specialist

2023 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) Update

*2023 WDACP Claims

11 Participants 8 Claims Filed

Assessed Damage	Eligible Claims	Status	Acres Appraised	Acres Damaged	Deer Damage	Deer Acres	Bear Damage	Bear Acres	Turkey Damage	Turkey Acres	Goose Damage	Goose Acres
\$2,181.2	\$1,681.2	PENDING	6.5	2.5	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,181.2	2.5
\$5,145.2	\$4,645.2	PENDING	59	35	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$5,145.2	35
\$3,057.6	\$2,557.6	PENDING	44.5	17.5	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,057.6	17.5
\$6,886.59	\$6,109.28	PENDING	122	9.25	\$6,886.59	9.25	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
\$13,917.44	\$10,000	PENDING	40	1	\$13,917.44	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
\$1,014	\$514	PENDING	11.7	5	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,014	5
\$5,540.9	\$5,032.72	PENDING	143	24.5	\$3,798.06	13.45	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,742.84	11.05
\$12,872.1	\$10,000	PENDING	107.8	49.5	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$12,872.1	49.5
\$50,615.03	\$40,540		534.5	144.25	\$24,602.09	23.7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$26,012.94	120.55

Crop	No. of Claims	Assessed Damage	Appraised Acres	Damaged Acres	Loss on Yield
Alfalfa	5	\$9,369	154.9	62.5	\$0
Corn Grains	2	\$3,753.33	185	12.75	1,558.5
Nursery	1	\$13,917.44	40	1	131
Small Grains	3	\$18,799.25	123.4	58.5	2,875.75
Soybeans	2	\$5,775	30.2	9.5	\$18.15
Total		\$50,615.03	534.5	144.25	4,735.4

*2023 WDACP Shooting Permits

Deer – 2 permits; 9 deer harvested

Goose - 1 permit; 1 goose harvested

*2023 City of Green Bay Deer Management Program

5 Deer harvested on Brown County Farm property sites

*Proposed Legislation (AB1038) Impacting the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program

Effective January 1, 2025, would remove the requirement for counties to administer the WDACP

*Brown County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC)

Recommended Deer Population Objective for 2021-2023 was Decrease