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LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

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Bernie Erickson, Dave Landwehr, Tom Sieber
Citizen Rep: Vacant

LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE
Monday, January 23, 2017
6:00pm
(PD&T to Follow)
Room 161, UW Extension
1150 Bellevue Street

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 November 28, 2016.

Comments from the Public

Communications

1. Communication from Supervisor Dantine re: Discuss the Per Diem Fee for the Farm Bureau Rep on the Land Conservation Sub Committee. *Referred from November County Board.*

Land and Water Conservation

2. Open Positions Report.
3. November 2016 Financials.
4. Directors Report:
 - a. Working Lands/Farmland Preservation Update.
 - b. Demonstration Farm Network Update.
 - c. Brown County Deer Advisory Update.
 - d. Feasibility Study Update.

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, November 28, 2016 in Room 116, UW Extension, 1150 Bellevue Street, GB, WI

Present: Supervisors Norbert Dantine, Bernie Erickson, Dave Kaster, Dave Landwehr, Tom Sieber
Vacant: Citizen Rep
Also Present: County Conservationist Mike Mushinski, Associate Natural Resource Educator Whitney Passint

**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 5:30 p.m.

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

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

III. **Approve/Modify Minutes of October 17, 2016.**

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

Comments from the Public

Dantine announced that Citizen Rep Jeff Ronsman called him today to let him know he respectfully quit. Dantine may put in a communication to discuss a per diem for the FSA appointed citizen rep's to attend the meetings. Mushinski informed that he started looking into this last year and with the turnover in Corporation Counsel it never went anywhere. He agreed that they had to have some sort of benefit to make it worth their time and stated that he will contact the new Corporation Counsel about this and put it on the next agenda.

1. **Departmental Openings Summary.**

Mushinski informed he had been in contact with HR and they were going to start to fill the Agronomist position. It was good timing as he had seen they were going to have a lot more land eligible for farmland preservation. The Agronomist will be doing the compliance checks for that.

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

2. **Land Conservation Budget Status Financial Report for October 2016 (unaudited).**

Mushinski informed that everything looked good and they were financially in good shape this year.

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

3. **Directors Report:**

a. **WDATCP Board approval of Land and Water Plan-December 6th**

Mushinski notified that he will be at DATCP Board on December 6th getting DATCP approval, the second to final approval for the plan. He'll need County Board approval in January. It was a 10-year state required plan for the county.

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

b. Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resources Trustee Council-Pike Habitat Selected for Implementation

Mushinski announced that the second round of the paper mill NRD settlement of \$42 million came out. They applied to the NRDA Trustee Council because they had gotten a grant originally for the pike project and they were selected again for the next 5-years. The NRDA settlement for the county for five years was \$800,000. Their total so far for the pike project was at about \$1.4 million with the \$800,000 tacked on to that. For the next five-years they will apply for other grants such as Ducks Unlimited as any grants that needed a non-federal match, they could use this NRDA money for. The pot will keep growing for this project for the next five-years, which is a really good thing, because there was a lot of work to do.

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

4. UWEX Associate Natural Resources Educator-Whitney Passint - Demonstration Farm outreach implementation plan.

A brief presentation was provided by Whitney Passint who was brought on to be Associate Natural Resource Educator through UW-Extension and work on the outreach component of the Demonstration Farm Project. The presentation explained what she hoped to do with this year-long appointment, or longer if there was additional funding to keep it going.

Landwehr questioned if Passint will feel held back until the data was developed from the equipment. Passint thought to a certain degree it may be a limiting factor especially when talking to producers that were not participating. They will want to know whether or not these practices actually work. As far as getting to the community she didn't think so. Landwehr was thinking more the community end of it, from how much reduction were they getting of the sediment. Mushinski stated that in a year they should know some of that edge of field monitoring. With Passint here, it was perfect timing because when the Demo Farm started the Great Lakes Commission was supposed to do all these things and none of that happened. She was basically starting from scratch. There was a lot of baseline stuff she was able to do to get them to a functioning level. She had a lot of opportunities to reach a lot of people. When they get those reductions, then they really have the story.

Erickson suggested having Passint attend some towns meetings. Dantine felt the Town Association of Brown County meeting, all the towns were there and they can show them what's going on. He asked if talked to their state people. Mushinski informed they invited them to the Clean Bay Backers Tour. Congressman Gallagher was there.

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

Other

5. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law. None.
6. Adjourn.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to adjourn at 6:19 p.m. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1-Nov-16

Departmental Openings Summary
To: Land Conservation Committee
From: Land & Water Conservation Department

Position	Vacancy Date	Reason for Leaving	Fill or Hold	Unfilled Reason
Agronomist	Current	N/A	open	

Ex: Transfer, Wage, Working Conditions

**Brown County Land & Water Conservation
Budget Status Report (unaudited)
November 30, 2016**

	<u>2016 Amended Budget</u>	<u>2016 YTD Transactions</u>	<u>2015 Amended Budget</u>	<u>2015 YTD Transactions</u>
Personnel Costs	\$697,153.00	\$576,503.20	\$678,821.00	\$544,157.33
Operating Expenses	\$512,278.00	\$176,900.03	\$512,880.00	\$145,851.23
OUT- Outlay	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$45,574.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,209,431.00	\$753,403.23	\$1,201,701.00	\$735,582.56
Property Tax Revenue	\$424,228.00	\$388,875.63	\$413,184.00	\$378,752.00
Intergov't Revenue	\$643,984.00	\$294,040.72	\$590,627.00	\$269,769.79
Public Charges	\$132,760.00	\$119,411.67	\$127,000.00	\$138,418.82
Misc Rev.	\$0.00	\$196.81	\$0.00	\$393.96
Other Financing Sources	\$8,459.00	\$7,811.60	\$70,890.00	\$44,686.50
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,209,431.00	\$810,336.43	\$1,201,701.00	\$832,021.07

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