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**LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Supervisor Norb Dantinne, Chair;  
Citizen Rep Stan Kaczmarek, Vice Chair  
Supervisor Friberg, Supervisor Fuller,  
Supervisor Landwehr, Supervisor Suennen

**LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022**

**5:30 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**

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Approve/Modify Agenda.
- III. Approve/Modify Minutes of May 24, 2022.

**Comments from the Public**

1. Land & Water Conservation Budget Status Report – Unaudited.
2. Director’s Report.
  - a. Invite to “Sunset on the Farm” at Brickstead Dairy.
  - b. Groundwater Testing Initiative Update.

**Other**

3. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.
4. 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 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, May 24, 2022, in Room 200, Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, WI.

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**Present:** Supervisor Norb Dantine, Citizen Member Stan Kaczmarek, Supervisor Tom Friberg,  
Supervisor Dave Landwehr, Supervisor Morgan Fuller, Supervisor Ray Suennen  
**Also Present:** County Conservationist Mike Mushinski, and other interested parties

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**I. Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Dantine at 5:00 pm.

**II. Approve/Modify Agenda.**

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Suennen to approve with the modification to take Item 1b before 1a. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**III. Approve/Modify Minutes of April 26, 2022.**

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

**Comments from the Public**

*Although shown in proper format, Item 1b was taken prior to 1a.*

**1. Discussion and Possible Action regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.**

**a. Cover Crop and No-Till planting Assistance.**

County Conservationist Mike Mushinski informed a request was made for \$180,000 of ARPA funds for cover crop and no-till assistance to producers in Brown County. A PowerPoint was presented (attached), in which Mushinski and Kaczmarek both spoke to. Cover crops and no-till techniques are the biggest way they reduce sediment/phosphorous, 60-70%. That's why it's so valuable and why they're always trying to get resources for landowners. They aggressively apply for grants, so they always have funding for producers no matter where they are in the county. Responding to Landwehr, Mushinski added they have a whole series of grants that they try to get at different times. He noted that they've had times where they haven't had any funds and they ran into problems.

**b. East River Water Trail & Habitat Corridor Project.**

Mushinski informed they have a lot of interested and collaborative partners with this project. A PowerPoint was shown re: East River Water Trail & Habitat Corridor Project 2022 (attached). It listed those potential partners and included a proposed map from Ledgeview Park downstream to Hoffman Rd., the area that needed the most attention for invasive species removal, streambank erosion control and habitat work. The habitat plan proposes four new kayak launches, habitat improvements and a cost estimate. This request won't cover the whole project but would be a great start to get it moving forward. Mushinski added, they've made contact with other funding sources, to try and bridge any gaps to tackle the whole project.

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**Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor to suspend the rules to allow interested parties to speak.**

Natalie Bomstead, Brown County resident

Bomstead was the Executive Director of Wello, a Brown County based non-profit organization with a mission to co-create community conditions that are fair and just, to drive high levels of health and wellbeing for all. This project was an opportunity for the community to invest and improve in a great asset, the waterways. The county was fortunate to have people in place to help make that happen. Bomstead further spoke to the handout re: East River Water Trail – Water Quality, Recreation, Community, Well-Being (attached) and noted this project was really unique in the sense that there were many partners in the community who were committed to making this happen.

Bomstead introduced a group she called Brown County Resident Champions.

Steve Warner, Ashwaubenon was present with Tom Bayer and Paul Weiss, both from Allouez

Warner informed they were all retired and have been paddling for many years, including lot of rivers. A PowerPoint was presented (attached), Warner explained their hope with this project was to turn the East River into a recreational use area and a water trail. Bayer informed just about everyone they've run into is excited about them stepping forward into this process and want to know how they can help. The amount of people could fill the room multiple times over. He added, they've been looking at the small steps forward and believe they can make a difference.

Brad Lange – Allouez Village Administrator

Lange, a 27-year Allouez resident, informed in 1966 the town boards of Allouez, Bellevue and De Pere commissioned the Green Bay/Brown County Planning Commission to write the East River Parkway book. The East River was first mentioned as a resource and a problem in 1921. However, that was 100 years ago. 1967 this plan was written, 1970s the village started buying land along the East River to create the parkway, to preserve and make sure they're doing their due diligence to protect that waterway. That process has continued with the purchasing of land and protection all the way up into 2000. In the late 1980s, early 90s, the East River was designated as a priority watershed and the village applied for funding to do a lot of riprapping. They could only do so much with the funding they had. Since the 90s, the village has constructed six-detention ponds along the East River and have plans for an additional one or two more. He further spoke to other things they have done to show their commitment to cleaning the waterway the best they can. They believe the East River has a lot of potential and provides many economical and recreational opportunities.

**Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Vice Chair Kaczmarek to return to regular order of business. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Landwehr questioned if their department received any funding through other ARPA or COVID money, etc.? Mushinski stated nothing, other than the grants they apply for, but not ARPA or COVID.

Supervisor Suennen questioned the issues in 1921, they didn't have the farming equipment they have today so what attributed to the brown water and runoff? Lange stated what was referenced was flooding was a major concern and the quality of water. The bank stabilization has been a problem for decades. Mushinski interjected that the areas that Allouez had done back in the 90s, they're perfect, so it does work. On the East River Corridor, you can stabilize those banks, but it takes money and resources. This project wasn't going to clean up all that water. It will make an improvement, but they won't have clear water. When you get on that East River Corridor, the water isn't perfectly clean but there's nature, wildlife, it's quiet and peaceful. There are kayakers, so people are using it in certain areas, they're just limited in their access.

Supervisor Fuller questioned how the two projects will go hand in hand? Mushinski informed the cover crop would be something applicable in all ag areas and waterways, anywhere in these sub watersheds, they can use the assistance to landowners. Fuller questioned if any other municipalities committed dollars for this? Lange responded that there has been no commitments from municipalities, a lot have been doing what Allouez has done with the stormwater detention ponds and buying property along the East River to protect. Bayer interjected that all of what has been done so far has been through a voluntary system. People

stepping forward was saying there was a problem, questioning what they are going to do incrementally and get people on board. Fuller agreed, it was a grassroots effort until they get it. She questioned if they will be going to other municipalities as she felt it would be disappointing to her if they didn't also step up.

Landwehr felt cost-sharing was always important, it showed support. Mushinski informed they reached out to private non-profits and the damage assessment for the NRDA, the trustee council was interested in funding things.

Chair Dantine added that they've done a lot of things with farmers to monitor water, crop planting and they did a lot of things to stop the water from turning but they can't stop everything. If they do a little at a time, it makes a difference.

**Other**

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

**3. Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr seconded by Supervisor Suennen to adjourn at 5:45 pm. Vote taken.**

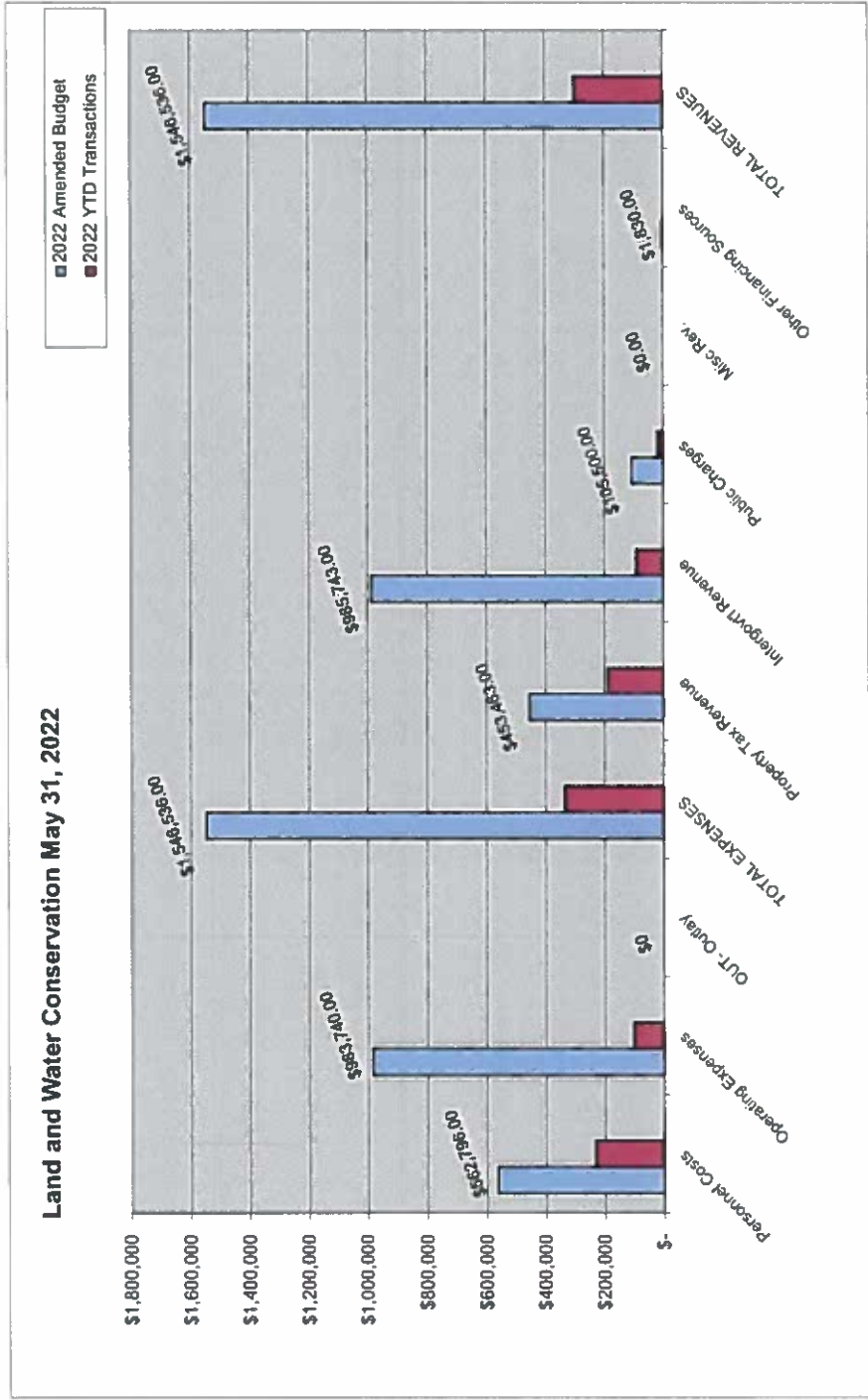
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

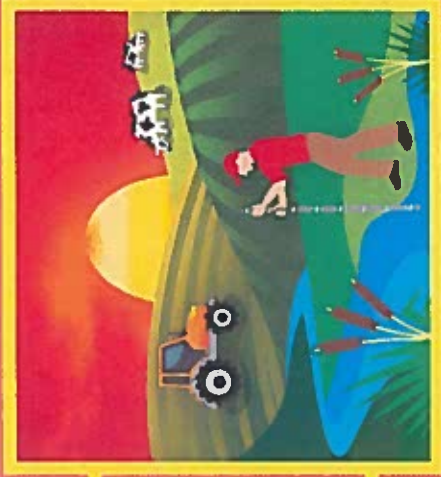
Alicia A. Loehlein  
Legislative Specialist

**Brown County Land & Water Conservation  
Budget Status Report (unaudited)  
May 31, 2022**

	<u>2022 Amended Budget</u>	<u>2022 YTD Transactions</u>	<u>2021 Amended Budget</u>	<u>2021 YTD Transactions</u>
Personnel Costs	\$562,796.00	\$231,539.93	\$597,800.00	\$264,950.78
Operating Expenses	\$983,740.00	\$102,864.73	\$435,537.00	\$152,414.06
OUT - Outlay	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,451.00	\$26,348.45
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,546,536.00</b>	<b>\$334,404.66</b>	<b>\$1,059,788.00</b>	<b>\$443,713.29</b>
Property Tax Revenue	\$453,463.00	\$188,942.90	\$448,202.00	\$186,750.85
Intergov't Revenue	\$985,743.00	\$91,762.07	\$475,501.00	\$182,125.18
Public Charges	\$105,500.00	\$19,517.07	\$96,000.00	\$18,701.46
Misc Rev.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Other Financing Sources	\$1,830.00	\$0.00	\$37,085.00	\$26,451.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,546,536.00</b>	<b>\$300,222.04</b>	<b>\$1,056,788.00</b>	<b>\$414,228.49</b>



# SUNSET ON THE FARM BRICKSTEAD DAIRY



We're excited to welcome you and your family for a fun evening on the farm. Come learn about the conservation practices we are using to help protect our shared water resources!



## Details:

Thursday, August 4, 2022

3:00 - 8:00 PM

1734 Wayside Rd. Greenleaf, WI 54126

Questions? Contact Kelly Vande Hei:  
(920) 532-0386 or  
kvandehei@bricksteaddairy.com

Light dinner included. Wagon rides,  
petting zoo, kids science stations,  
rainfall simulator & more!

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