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LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE
Monday, June 3, 2019
6:00 PM
Brown County Public Works Department
2198 Glendale Ave – Village of Howard
Green Bay, WI

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

PLEASE NOTE TIME & LOCATION

I. Call Meeting to Order.
II. Approve/Modify Agenda.
III. Approve/Modify Minutes of April 22, 2019.

Comments from the Public

Land Conservation Department

1. Open Positions Report.
2. Budget Status Financial Report for April 2019 - Unaudited.
3. Director's Report.
   a. Animal Waste Management Ordinance Chapter 26 Discussion.
   b. Northern Pike Restoration update.

Other

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

Norb Dantinne, 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 meeting of the **Brown County Land Conservation Subcommittee** was held on Monday, April 22, 2019 at the Public Works Department, 2198 Glendale Avenue, Green Bay, WI.

Present: Supervisors Norbert Dantinne, Dave Kaster, Bernie Erickson, Steve Deslauriers, Alex Tran
Citizen Rep Stan Kaczmarek

Also Present: County Conservationist Mike Mushinski, Agronomist Technician Nick Peltier, Supervisor Keith Deneys, County Executive Streckenbach and other interested parties.

I. **Call Meeting to Order.**

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

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

Motion by Supervisor Kaster, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to approve. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. **Approve/Modify Minutes of March 25, 2019.**

Stan Kaczmarek informed the spelling of Senator Robert Cowles was spelled incorrectly.

Motion by Supervisor Deslauriers, seconded by Stan Kaczmarek to approve with correction. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Comments from the Public – None.

Land Conservation Department

1. **Open Positions Report.**

County Conservationist Mike Mushinski informed they had the same Agronomist position open that's been open for a while. Kaczmarek questioned if they looked into redefining the position. Mushinski responded they had to receive a grant to fund it and they had to wait until they got into the new building to house someone. It remained open until they received those two things.

Motion by Supervisor Kaster, seconded by Supervisor Tran to receive and place on file. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. **Financials.**
   a. **Budget Status Report (Unaudited) December 31, 2018.**
   b. **Budget Status Report (Unaudited) January 31, 2019.**
   c. **Budget Status Report (Unaudited) February 29, 2019.**

Motion by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to suspend the rules to take Items 2a, b & c together. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file Items 2a, b & c. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Directors Report:**

a. **Presentation, Ryan Jacques Glacierland RC&D.**

Ryan Jacques from Glacierland RC&D informed they now had two employees for Manitowoc County up through Brown County, contracted by NRCS to help with conservation practices. Their focus was on soil and water conservation and to help landowners implement practices with or without Cost Share 20. A handout regarding their organization was provided and spoken to as well as a flyer for an upcoming pasture walk (attached). Jacques invited committee members and staff to attend, to understand what the product was and what it could do. Erickson suggested Jacques return twice a year to provide updates of what they were doing and how they were progressing.

Tran questioned if they had to do rotational crops for hemp. Jacques informed it was one they were looking into as a council member was interested in getting into it, but noted it was relatively new. Mushinski stated that once they had processors locally they will see a lot more coming up about hemp being grown here. Dantinne questioned if they knew what it took out of the ground? As a conservation organization, Jacques responded if they were going to get involved with growing hemp commercially, they will keep it on top of their priority list to start early in the process and make sure producers were doing it effectively and conservation minded.

b. **Plum and Kankapot watershed project update.**

Agronomist Technician Nick Peltier was present to provide an update on his work with the Plum Kankapot project, a joint effort between Brown, Outagamie and Calumet counties. A handout was provided (attached) and briefly gone over with the committee.

Mushinski added there were a lot of positives things done but there was still a lot more to do. His concern was when staff went out and received a lot of "no's", especially in the Kankapot. The Plum Kankapot was the highest loading sediment phosphorus sub watershed they had in the lower Fox. The story will continue with what they will do with all those no's and if they don't start seeing water quality improvements. Deslauriers would be happy to advertise this as a Supervisor down there. He felt a lot of it was communication and education, and town meetings were a great place to do that rather than the one-on-one with landowners per Peltier.

Tran questioned if the incentives weren't working and they end up polluting the water, was there was a fine they could impose? Mushinski responded they had state standards but sometimes those were at a point where they still had sediment phosphorus running off but not enough to make a difference. Peltier reiterated they had minimum standards they could enforce and the rules were statewide. Tolerable soil loss was a field sustainability index, not a water quality number. There was a big gap in terms of sustainable fields, sustainable cropping to water quality. This was their effort to try to get them there on a voluntary basis but like Mushinski stated, there wasn't a whole ton of buy in on a voluntary basis even with incentive payments. Mushinski stated they would work through it as they went with other counties, committees as there were no easy answers to it. This was all GLRI grants and they stuck very little resources into it.

Kaszmarek stated it might be impossible to get some farmers to change overnight, everything took time and education, Mushinski agreed. Peltier added they seemed to get the best adaptation in the NE part of Plum and part of his thinking was they had three demo farms there that can make this stuff work really well and were all big proponents and spokesman for it. When they got further away in Kankapot, he felt that

influence faded a little and they don't have quite as big an impression on the farms around there. Mushinski informed Calumet had expressed interest in doing some demo farms and NRCS had met with them; that will be a positive step in their direction.

Kaster questioned landowner's reasoning for saying no, Peltier responded that every landowner was different and had their reasons. He felt probably the number one reason was with buffers, it was a 15-year commitment. Mushinski stated that if they got more grants for buffers, they try to do a less time restriction to get more implementation and do it yearly or every 5-years to reduce the 15-year commitment.

Erickson suggested bringing this to next year's Towns meeting. Supervisor Deneys interjected that the Town's Association meetings met quarterly and they were always looking for speakers.

Dantinne informed they went through this about 15-years ago, it seemed that farmers associated with people they knew verses a person from Land Conservation. He believed having a local respectable representative along to speak with the farmers about these projects would be better received. Tran felt that was a great idea.

Motion by Supervisor Deslauriers, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Other

4. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law. None.

5. Adjourn.

Motion by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Stan Kaczmarek to adjourn at 5:36 pm. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein
Administrative Coordinator

Departmental Openings Summary 1-May-19

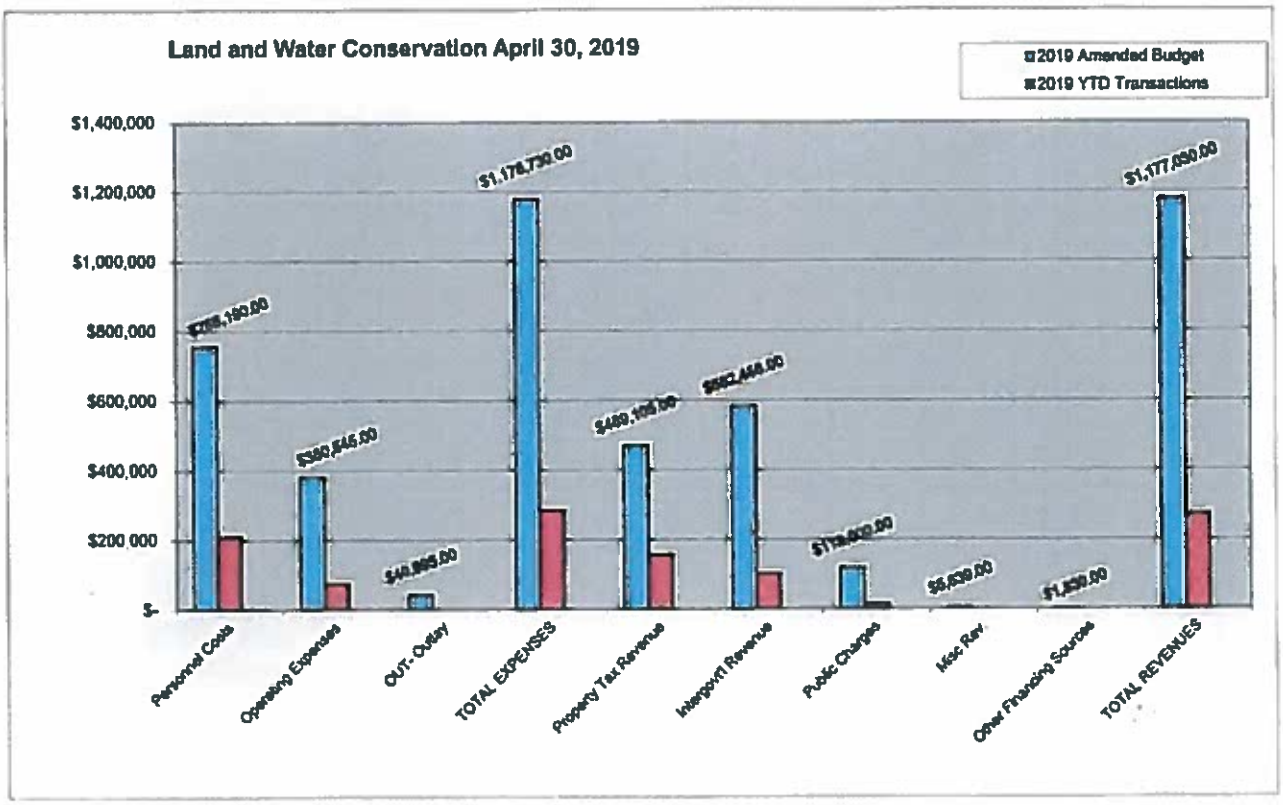
To: Land Conservation Committee

From: Land & Water Conservation Departm

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)
April 30, 2019

	2019 Amended Budget	2019 YTD Transactions
Personnel Costs	$755,190.00	$209,976.44
Operating Expenses	$380,545.00	$74,857.29
OUT- Outlay	$40,995.00	$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$1,176,730.00**	**$284,833.73**
Property Tax Revenue	$469,105.00	$156,368.32
Intergovt'l Revenue	$582,456.00	$101,384.54
Public Charges	$118,000.00	$14,260.18
Misc Rev.	$5,639.00	$95.00
Other Financing Sources	$1,830.00	$0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	**$1,177,030.00**	**$272,108.04**

	2018 Amended Budget	2018 YTD Transactions
Personnel Costs	$750,559.00	$207,777.80
Operating Expenses	$446,278.00	$151,592.06
OUT- Outlay	$25,894.00	$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$1,222,731.00**	**$359,369.86**
Property Tax Revenue	$457,179.00	$152,393.00
Intergovt'l Revenue	$631,106.00	$170,064.65
Public Charges	$124,421.00	$16,246.03
Misc Rev.	$0.00	$262.50
Other Financing Sources	$10,025.00	$8,011.00
TOTAL REVENUES	**$1,222,731.00**	**$346,977.18**