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 25, 2016 at the Brown County Public Works Department, Howard, Wisconsin.

Present:	Supervisors Norbert Dantinne, Bernie Erickson, Dave Kaster, Dave Landwehr, Tom Sieber
Absent:	Citizen Rep Jeff Ronsman
Also Present:	Mike Mushinski, Supervisors Lund and Vander Leest, and other interested parties.

I. **Call Meeting to Order.**
The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Dantinne at 5:00 p.m.

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

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

III. **Election of Chair.**

Nomination made by Supervisor Erickson for Norb Dantinne as Chairman of Land Conservation Subcommittee. No further nominations were made.

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Landwehr to cast unanimous ballot for Norb Dantinne as Chairman. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. **Election of Vice Chair.**

Nomination made by Supervisor Erickson for Dave Kaster as Vice Chairman of Land Conservation Subcommittee. Ayes: Kaster, Erickson, Dantinne.

Nomination made by Supervisor Landwehr for Tom Sieber as Vice Chairman of Land Conservation Subcommittee. Ayes: Landwehr, Sieber.

V. **Set date and time for regular meetings.**

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to maintain the meeting date the 4th Monday of the month for Land Conservation Subcommittee and Planning, Development and Transportation Committee. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. **Approve/Modify Minutes of March 28, 2016.**

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

Comments from the Public None.

1. **Open Positions Report.**

Land and Water Conservation Director Mike Mushinski informed this was the same open position they had for the last few months. They would like to get this position hired this year but the issue will be in 2017 so they had some funding issues to clear up before they hire.

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

2. Budget Status Report for March 2016.

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

3. Discussion and approval to publish Community Digester RFP.

Mushinski stated, as the committee was aware, this was going on for a few years. A lot of minutes were back to 2014 and previous to that. They went back to those meetings and put together the RFP. Some of the highlights were the dates located on the second page. Tonight was approval to publish the RFP.

Landwehr noted for the record that this was not to do the digester; it was to do a study to look at the feasibility of the digester. Mushinski informed that that was correct, study to see if it was feasible.

Mushinski informed that the consent decree from Wisconsin Public Service was $300,000 to do this study. The consent decree said WPS had to do this and Land Con was obligated to do the RFP but after that there was no commitment on Land Cons part to actually do the digester. The focus changed from energy to phosphorus reduction. Reducing phosphorus on the watershed verses looking for energy sources. Dane County had similar things happening right now and pumped manure underground.

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

4. Director's Report:

a. Land and Water Plan Update.

Mushinski informed they were close to getting a first draft of that done. Once done they will get it to individuals on the committees. He was hoping end of May, into June they'd get it to DATCP for their review. They had to do a public hearing and get Land Con approval, around August or September.

b. WDNR Fisheries Award-Pike Restoration.

Two weeks ago Mushinski got a call from their fish biologist up in Peshtigo; she had put them in for a state fisheries award. They were getting a Wisconsin DNR Fisheries Award for the Pike Project work.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to receive and place on file Items 4 a and b. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other

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

6. Adjourn.

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Landwehr to adjourn at 5:13 p.m. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein
Recording Secretary