

**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, August 22, 2016 in Room 116, UW Extension, 1150 Bellevue Street, Wisconsin.

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**Present:** Supervisors Norbert Dantine, Bernie Erickson, Dave Kaster, Dave Landwehr, Tom Sieber, Citizen Rep Jeff Ronsman

**Also Present:** County Conservationist Mike Mushinski, Assistant County Conservationist Jon Bechle and other interested parties.

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*\*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 6:00 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 July 25, 2016.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Landwehr to approve. Vote taken.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Comments from the Public** None.

1. **Departmental Openings Summary.**

County Conservationist informed this was the same Agronomist position they had; he would like to get the position hired or at least advertised this fall as it was looking promising for funding.

**Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Citizen Rep Jeff Ronsman to receive and place on file. Vote taken.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. **Budget Status Financial Report for July 2016 (Unaudited).**

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

3. **Budget Adjustment Request (#16-71): Any increase in expenses with an offsetting increase in revenue.**

The Land & Water Conservation Department requested a transfer of \$4,860 in SEG funds (DATCP SWRM) from Oconto County to Brown County to assist landowners in the development of nutrient management plans. There will be no additional costs to the County. The \$125,000 grant was through Ducks Unlimited for their West Shore Pike Projects which is shared with Oconto County to do habitat work. It will pay for part of the construction costs for the project. Through the NRDA funding process, Brown County was the keeper of the funds. Oconto County sends reimbursements to Brown County. Ducks Unlimited wanted to go through one entity; it was easier to go through Brown County.

**Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to approve. Vote taken.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Cost share Funds Transfer Agreement with Shawano County.**

Assistant County Conservationist Jon Bechle informed there was a previous transfer agreement where Brown County received money from Oconto County, this time they were looking to transfer \$21,000 out of the Brown County account to Shawano County LCC for a Brown County farm project. The main farm was located in Brown County but they had quite a bit of acreage and a couple other farms in Shawano County. This would be to cost-share a manure storage facility in Shawano County. Because the facility was located in Shawano County the agreement would have to be recorded with the Register of Deeds Office, so it went into the county where the parcel was located. The background, back in June there was a citizen complaint about manure in the stream up in Pittsfield. The Bechle, along with the DNR, investigated and determined the manure was coming upstream from Shawano County location so they went and found out the manure leaked through the sidewall of the liquid manure storage facility and discharged into a stream. There were minnows so it was classified as a fish kill. They emptied the pit out and their plans were to concrete line it and bring it to current construction and specifications and standards. It will be costly, estimated around \$16,000 to complete it. This transfer was to provide roughly half of the cost share amount. It was typically a 70% cost share.

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

**5. Director's Report:**

**a. Land & Water Plan Review.**

Mushinski referred to the plan in the agenda packet material and provided a quick overview while touching on some highlights. He informed they were getting closer to the end of the process. Wisconsin required all counties to have an updated Land and Water Plan. Brown County's last plan was approved in 2013 and then there was an extension that granted them through 2016. The new one covered 10 years and will start in 2017. They started working on this plan in January 2016, it was reviewed by committees, DATCP (state and local) and the DNR (state and local) and they incorporated their comments in the plan. Everyone who needed to review it had reviewed it so far. This prioritizes and documented things they were doing now, there weren't a lot of new initiatives in it.

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

**Other**

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

**7. Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Jeff Ronsman to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. Vote Taken.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein  
Recording Secretary