

**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 30, 2010 in Room 161, UW-Extension -1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

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**Present:** Norb Dantinne, Bernie Erickson, Mike Fleck, Dan Haefs, Dave Kaster, Norb VandeHei  
**Also Present:** Bill Hafs, Jon Bechle, Jim Jolly; County Executive Tom Hinz  
Ron VanderLoop – President of the BC Conservation Alliance; Other Interested Parties

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**I. Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Norb Dantinne at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Approve/Modify Agenda:**

**Motion made by Supervisor Fleck and seconded by N. VandeHei to approve the agenda. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**III. Approve/Modify Minutes of Land Conservation Subcommittee of July 26, 2010**

**Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Supervisor Fleck to approve the minutes. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**1. Wildlife Damage Program Wisconsin Deer Donation 2010 – Jon Bechle (Attachment: Information Letter Wisconsin Deer Donation 2010):**

Jon Bechle updated the committee on the Wildlife Damage Program stating he has confirmed there will be a Deer Hunt Donation Program again this year. Processors have been contacted and have agreed to participate. Cost to process a deer will be raised to \$55.

**Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by N. VandeHei to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. Correspondence from Brown County LWCD to Wisconsin Public Service Commission regarding Brown County Resolution regarding Wind Mills and Groundwater. (Attachment: August 18, 2010 correspondence to WPS, Wind Farm Presentation to Health Board, BC Resolution regarding Wind Farm Karst Groundwater):**

Bill Hafs referred to his letter dated 8/18/2010 to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin asking for consideration of the impact on groundwater due to the possibility of construction of wind turbines in karst regions of Brown County as part of their review of the Invenergy application.

The Wind Siting Council in their recommendations to the PSC has asked that "wind development in Wisconsin be conducted responsibly". Hafs distributed a summary of that report, which is attached.

Highlights of the report include:

- Wind energy is now and will be for the foreseeable future an essential element of Wisconsin's energy and economic policy.
- The two most significant complaints made against wind turbines are sound and shadow flicker.
- The Council has concluded that the scientific evidence does not support a conclusion that wind turbines cause adverse health outcomes.
- For all system size categories, the minimum setback from the center of any turbine to any non-participating property line, participating or non-participating residence, or occupied community building should be 1.1 times the maximum blade tip height of the turbine.
- For all system size categories the noise attributable to the system should never be allowed to exceed 45 dBA at night or 50 dBA during the day . . .

(Please see attached for details)

Hafs indicated that the Wind Siting Report does not address karst features or groundwater. Therefore, he has requested in the resolution:

- 1) That the PSC review the Invenergy application for wind farms and use proper engineering construction methods around wind turbine foots, access roads, and buried power cables to prevent additional conduits of groundwater from being created;
- 2) That the PSC require Invenergy to communicate and provide information regarding the specific location of all karst features encountered during construction of the proposed wind energy project to the Brown County LLC and the DNR to help regulate the land application of animal waste; and
- 3) That the PSC require Invenergy to provide funds for a Brown County staff person to be hired to work with Invenergy and residents in the wind farm region during the construction phase of the project regarding location and identification of karst features, and that the staff person continue to work in the project area throughout the lifespan of the project . . .

The intent of the resolution, Hafs explained, is that the PSC consider the requests from Brown County as part of approval of the Invenergy application.

**Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Supervisor Fleck to receive and place on file.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. Land & Water Conservation Department Monthly Budget Update (copy will be provided at meeting):**

Hafs reported that expenses year to date are at 49%, with revenue at 50% (copy attached).

Supervisor Haefs reiterated his opinion that the 2011 budget be levy neutral, asking what changes are expected. Bill Hafs replied that he foresees the budget to be in good shape due to the receipt of two grants which will enable the purchase of vehicles and equipment. He further explained, however, that two years ago three employees were laid off and chargebacks may have an impact.

Supervisor Haefs expressed concern because of less interest income, less dollars from the State, and less equalized value. Executive Hinz commented that although the budget is not yet finalized, explained aspects that may effect the final tabulation.

**Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Supervisor Fleck to receive and place on file.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Set Tour Location and Time for September Land Conservation Committee meeting:**

Bill Hafs suggested that the annual committee tour be held at the West Shore Project before the meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The committee will meet at the UW-Extension building at 5 p.m. and return for a 7 p.m. meeting.

**5. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation by Norbert Dantine and Tom Hinz to Ron VanderLoop, President of the Brown County Conservation Alliance for Donation of Trailer to West Shore Pike Habitat Restoration Project (Attachment: 2010 Brown County Conservation Alliance Donation Letter):**

Hafs referred to a letter from Ron VanderLoop, President of the Brown County Conservation Alliance which states that based on the work being done at the West Shore Project related to fish and wildlife habitat, the Alliance would like to donate a work trailer to be used to transport equipment used by the LCC Department in carrying out habitat improvement construction projects. The trailer has a value of \$6,815.

County Executive Hinz and Chairman Dantine presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. VanderLoop and the Brown County Conservation Alliance for this donation. The committee conducted a tour of this work trailer at the conclusion of the meeting.

**6. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Next Meeting – Monday, September 27, 2010  
5 p.m. – Meet at UW-Extension building to take a tour of the West Shore Project - 7 p.m. – Land Conservation Meeting**

**7. Adjourn:**

**Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by N. VandeHei to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

# Final Wind Siting Council Report

## August 9, 2010

### Key points and recommendations:

- Council comprised of 15 members from diverse backgrounds and experience and conducted 20 meetings on topic.
- Seventy-five percent of the recommendations described in the report reflect true consensus. While the Council has not ultimately reached consensus on every single item, a significant majority (11-4) supports this report in its totality and the policy framework recommended.
- Wind energy is now and will be for the foreseeable future an essential element of Wisconsin's energy and economic policy.
- Council unanimously agreed that wind development in Wisconsin needs to be conducted responsibly.
- It is likely only a matter of time before national policy – either through an act of Congress or the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – requires utilities to control carbon emissions in one form or another. Utilities across the country will increasingly turn to renewable energy solutions to help mitigate adverse impacts of carbon regulation.
- After four months of intensive review and debate, the Council concludes there is very little policy basis – i.e. health impacts of wind turbine sound and shadow flicker or property value protection – to support some of the more restrictive controls advanced by some for the siting of wind turbines.
- The two most significant complaints made against wind turbines are sound and shadow flicker. The Council has concluded that the scientific evidence does not support a conclusion that wind turbines cause adverse health outcomes.
- For all system size categories, the minimum setback from the center of any turbine to any nonparticipating property line, participating or nonparticipating residence, or occupied community building should be 1.1 times the maximum blade tip height of the turbine.
- For all system size categories, the noise attributable to the system should never be allowed to exceed 45 dBA at night or 50 dBA during the day, as measured at the outside wall of any nonparticipating residence or occupied community building.
- The Council recognizes that a number of factors have created an extraordinarily hostile environment in Wisconsin, where each side in the debate seizes upon the slightest misstep or mistake of the other as ammunition in their regulatory, legislative, legal and public relations battles. The Council recommends that the Commission consider a combination of performance-based standards and financial compensation for non-participating landowners adjacent to turbine host landowners as the means to address this tension.
- **66.0401(1m)** Authority to restrict systems limited. No political subdivision may place any restriction, either directly or in effect, on the installation or use of a wind energy system that is more restrictive than the rules promulgated by the commission under s. 196.378 (4g) (b). No political subdivision may place any restriction, either directly or in effect, on the installation or use of a solar energy system, as defined in s. 13.48 (2) (h) 1. g., or a wind energy system, unless the restriction satisfies one of the following conditions: (a) Serves to preserve or protect the public health or safety.
- The Council discussed and agreed that the Council was not going to debate existing law. Wind Siting Council's Guiding Principles – Siting (1) Take local features and resources into account in siting decisions. (7) Developer shall be responsive to reasonable local concerns raised during the development process. (11) Health impacts should be taken into account in all siting decisions.

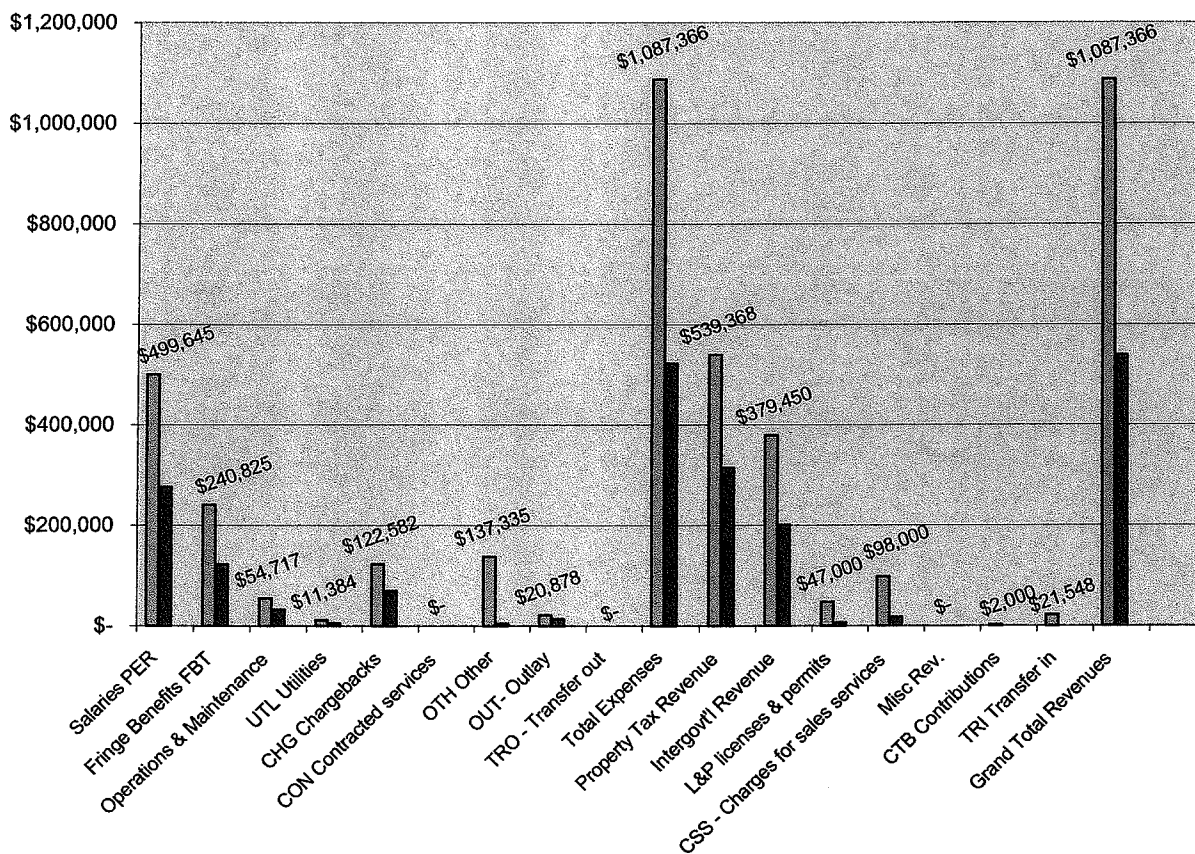
**Brown County**  
**Land Conservation**  
**Budget Status Report (unaudited)**  
 7/31/2010

	Annual Budget Amended	YTD Transactions
Salaries PER	\$ 499,645	\$ 276,262
Fringe Benefits FBT	\$ 240,825	\$ 122,171
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 54,717	\$ 32,291
UTL Utilities	\$ 11,384	\$ 5,014
CHG Chargebacks	\$ 122,582	\$ 68,994
CON Contracted services	\$ -	\$ -
OTH Other	\$ 137,335	\$ 4,333
OUT- Outlay	\$ 20,878	\$ 13,369
TRO - Transfer out	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,087,366</b>	<b>\$ 522,434</b>
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 539,368	\$ 314,631
Intergov't Revenue	\$ 379,450	\$ 200,711
L&P licenses & permits	\$ 47,000	\$ 6,100
CSS - Charges for sales services	\$ 98,000	\$ 17,141
Misc Rev.	\$ -	\$ 5
CTB Contributions	\$ 2,000	\$ -
TRF Transfer in	\$ 21,548	\$ -
<b>Grand Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,087,366</b>	<b>\$ 538,589</b>

Indirect cost, I.S., Insurance  
 Grant exp., landowner payments WD, WS, L&W used vehicle, multi functional copier  
 49% Levy  
 State grants , Federal grants  
 Permits, inspections  
 Ag 50 cent fee, Tree sales  
 WLWCA  
 50%

**Land Conservation - July 31, 2010**

■ Annual Budget Amended  
 ■ YTD Transactions



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