

**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, February 23, 2021 at the Duck Creek Center – Public Works Dept., 2198 Glendale Avenue, Village of Howard.

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**Present:** Chair Norb Dantine, Vice Chair/Citizen Rep Stan Kaczmarek, Supervisor Amanda Chu,  
Supervisor Tom Friberg, Supervisor Dave Landwehr, Supervisor Ray Suennen  
**Also Present:** County Conservationist Mike Mushinski; Supervisor Cassandra Erickson

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I. **Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dantine at 5:30 p.m.

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

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

III. **Approve/Modify Minutes of January 26, 2021.**

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

**Comments from the Public.** None.

**Land Conservation Department**

1. **Resolution Approving Budget Carryover Requests from 2020 Budget to 2021 Budget.**

County Conservationist Mike Mushinski informed this happened in 2019-2020 also but there were no more trucks in the budget.

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

*Supervisor Chu arrived at 5:32 p.m.*

2. **Director's Report.**

a. **2016 – 2020 Accomplishments.**

Mushinski informed this was part of their DATCP approved 10-year Land and Water Plan. Every county in the state has to have one and they were 5-years into it now. Every 5-years they have to go to Madison and report to DATCP, which was coming up in early August. Mushinski referred to the 5-year Work Plan – Goals and Objectives report in the packet and spoke to the top 7.

Suennen noted the state had their own guidelines, requirements, standards and questioned how they were going to evaluate? Mushinski responded, every year they submit an annual work plan, most of those items they were really close to being met. In the past the state mainly listened and responded back and helped counties through issues.

Mushinski didn't think they'll have an issue with anything they're missing. There were parts throughout the states where there were discrepancies and efforts being made by County Land Conservation departments so the state dealt with that too. DATCP keeps putting funds into those counties annually. Dantine was concerned with that, stating counties doing the work should be getting paid for it. Mushinski informed they had DATCP funds for counties in

northern Wisconsin that had no agriculture and haven't gotten to the point where they have to demonstrate what they do.

Kaczmarek informed he talked to a farmer last week in Sauk County and they were coming up to Chapter 26, which farmers were complaining about. It's all stuff Brown County already had. Mushinski stated some of those things the county was way ahead of most counties, including certain nutrient management and farm inspections.

Supervisor Cassandra Erickson questioned if they had a goal on filling the RC&D position? Mushinski informed they were hoping that it's published in May and filled in the summer. DATCP had to apply for the grant first but it sounded promising. They hire that person and the county had some oversight over it and provide a workspace, etc.

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

**Other**

**3. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.**

Vice-Chair Stan Kaczmarek informed they had talked about the water quality bills last year. Some were put in Governor Evers budget, which was in the state budget process currently. So they may see additional funding for Land Con come out of the state budget.

**4. Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Vice-Chair Kaczmarek to adjourn at 5:49 pm. Vote taken.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

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