

**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, March 26, 2024 in Room 200, Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, WI.

Present: Chairman Norb Dantine, Vice-Chair Stan Kaczmarek, Supervisor Ray Suennen, Supervisor Salvador Sierra, Supervisor Tom Friberg, Supervisor Kevin Gannon
Also Present: County Conservationist Nick Peltier and other interested parties.

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 Gannon, seconded by Stan Kaczmarek to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. **Approve/Modify Minutes of February 27, 2024.**

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

Comments from the Public None.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION

1. **East River Water Trail Phase I- RFP approval.**

County Conservationist Nick Peltier stated initially this was going to go in phases, but with the deadlines to get on contract to secure the ARPA funds and fulfill the obligations with the federal government and the county, they rolled this together into one RFP. Peltier spoke to the project noting this will make the East River more accessible to people, beautify it, and make it a destination people would want to recreate. He further spoke to the RFP, which was provided in the agenda packet. The proposal should be in the \$400,000 range and should utilize almost all the ARPA funds, which also includes the kayak launch designs, that were already in progress. They have almost a million dollars slated for this project, including Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Funds. Phase 2 will be similar, on the east side of the river, but mostly on private lands verses exclusively municipal.

Motion made by Stan Kaczmarek, seconded by Supervisor Gannon to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **Budget Adjustment Request (24-030): Any increase in expenses with an offsetting increase in revenue.**

- a. **USDA Climate Smart Agronomy Grant (Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance).**
- b. **East River & Lower Fox Mainstem Cropland targets BMP implementation (Wi DNR).**

Peltier informed these were projects on their radar, but they didn't have good enough specifics to put them in the budget when budget was going through its own approval. He further spoke to the grants and what they're using them for.

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

3. **Director's Report.**

Peltier followed up with and provided highlights from the Wisconsin Land and Water Association annual meeting, which was in town March 6-8. Stan Kaczmarek informed he also attended, there were over 40-breakout sessions, and all that he attended were very good. Next year will be back in Green Bay as well.

a. **ARPA update: Project 78 (Cover Crop/No-till incentive program), Project 79 (East River Water Trail).**

Peltier reiterated his comments under Item 1 regarding Project 79. As discussed, two meetings ago, regarding Project 78 Cover Crop/No-till budget, they reallocated some funds and had them on contracts to go out for no-till incentives this year on cover crops that were planted last fall.

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

5. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Stan Kaczmarek, seconded by Supervisor Gannon to adjourn at 5:49 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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