

**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, September 28, 2009 in Room 161, UW-Extension, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

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**Present:** Norb Dantine, Bernie Erickson, Mike Fleck, Dan Haefs, Dave Kaster  
Norb VandeHei

**Also Present:** Bill Hafs, Jon Bechle, Tom Hinz

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**Land Conservation Committee Fall Tour**

The Land Conservation Subcommittee Meeting will be preceded by a tour of the Mike and Sandy Zirbel Farm that will be focusing on Wind Turbines and Animal Waste Dewatering Equipment.

5:00 p.m. leave Land & Water Conservation Department

5:30 p.m. arrive at Mike and Sandy Zirbel Farm – 6013 Morison Road, DePere

5:30 – 6:00 p.m. leave Zirbel Farm

6:30 p.m. arrive back at Land & Water Conservation Department/  
Ag & Extension Service Center

**I. Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Norb Dantine at 7:00 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 August 24, 2009:**

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

**1. Update on Animal Waste Storage Permit for N.E.W. Organic Digestion, LLC, 6610 County Road R, Denmark, Wisconsin (attachment: N.E.W. Waste Storage Permit Alterations):**

Bill Hafs informed the committee that the DNR State Engineer has expressed concerns with the proposed site related to perched groundwater, stating that soil borings indicate the potential for artesian pressure under lower confining clay layers. In order to justify the location, test pits in the bottom of the lagoons and digester locations are recommended. In addition, information regarding the impact of wetlands is requested. As an alternative to a large concrete storage lagoon, the engineer has stated that installation of two large above-ground glass-lined steel tanks may be more appropriate, eliminating concerns over

groundwater issues. Because of these facts, Haefs indicated there will be a delay with the project.

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

2. **Land & Water Conservation Department Monthly Budget Update (to be provided at meeting):**

The budget status report as of 8/31/09 was distributed and is attached. Hafs indicated that revenues are on track and total expenditures are at 52% for the year.

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

3. **Update 50 cent per Ag Acre Fee:**

Hafs explained that if this fee, due October 15<sup>th</sup>, is not paid, it will be placed on property tax bills. Several calls have been received, most in favor of the new process, rather than on a separate billing.

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

4. **2010 Pre-Budget Information:**

Hafs reported there will be no new staff added in 2010. He has worked with the Land & Water Conservation Board to keep dues, etc. in line. State grants will continue to help fund specific positions. He pointed out that the Great Lakes West Shore Project has been getting attention and he predicts grants will be available. Also noted was that there has been a settlement agreement reached with Country Aire which will be dedicated to the west shore project.

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

5. **Farm Bureau/Land & Water Conservation Department Recognition of Agriculture producers who have done outstanding conservation work. Conservation Farmer of the Year Award: Brightside Dairy of Greenleaf, WI, Conrad & Lisa Liebergen; Conservation Innovation Award – Wiese Brothers, Greenleaf:**

Brightside Dairy (Conrad & Lisa Liebergen) has been named 2009 Conservation Farmer of the Year by the Brown County Farm Bureau. In addition, the Wiese Brothers (Mark, Ken, & Dave) have been given the 2009 Conservation Innovation Award by the Farm Bureau. An honorary ceremony will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Legends in DePere.

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

6. **Director's Report:**

Hafs reported that the Lake Michigan Association will meet on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Rite Place (information attached).

The New York Times has published an article on water problems in the Town of Morrison. They are in the process of doing a special regarding water problems throughout the United States.

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

7. **Such other matters as authorized by law: None**

**Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Supervisor Fleck to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

Rae G. Knippel  
Recording Secretary

**Brown County  
Land & Water Conservation  
Budget Status Report  
8/31/2009**

	Annual Budget	YTD Transactions
PER Personal Services	\$ 495,488	\$ 316,573
Fringe Benefit Total	\$ 224,969	\$ 150,584
OMP - Operations and maintenance	\$ 33,436	\$ 20,659
UTL - Utilities	\$ 11,384	\$ 6,654
CHG - Chargebacks	\$ 148,172	\$ 95,485
CON - Contracted services	\$ 524	\$ -
OTH - Other Expenses	\$ 226,899	\$ 6,014
Transfer out	\$ 1,745	\$ 2,027
<b>Expenditure totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,142,617</b>	<b>\$ 597,996</b>
Property Taxes	\$ 551,099	\$ 367,400
Intergovernmental	\$ 446,960	\$ 202,839
Licences and permits	\$ 47,000	\$ 57,854
Charges for sales and services	\$ 91,000	\$ 16,112
Miscellaneous revenue	\$ 504	\$ -
Contributions	\$ 4,000	\$ -
Transfer in	\$ 2,054	\$ -
<b>Grand Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,142,617</b>	<b>\$ 644,205</b>

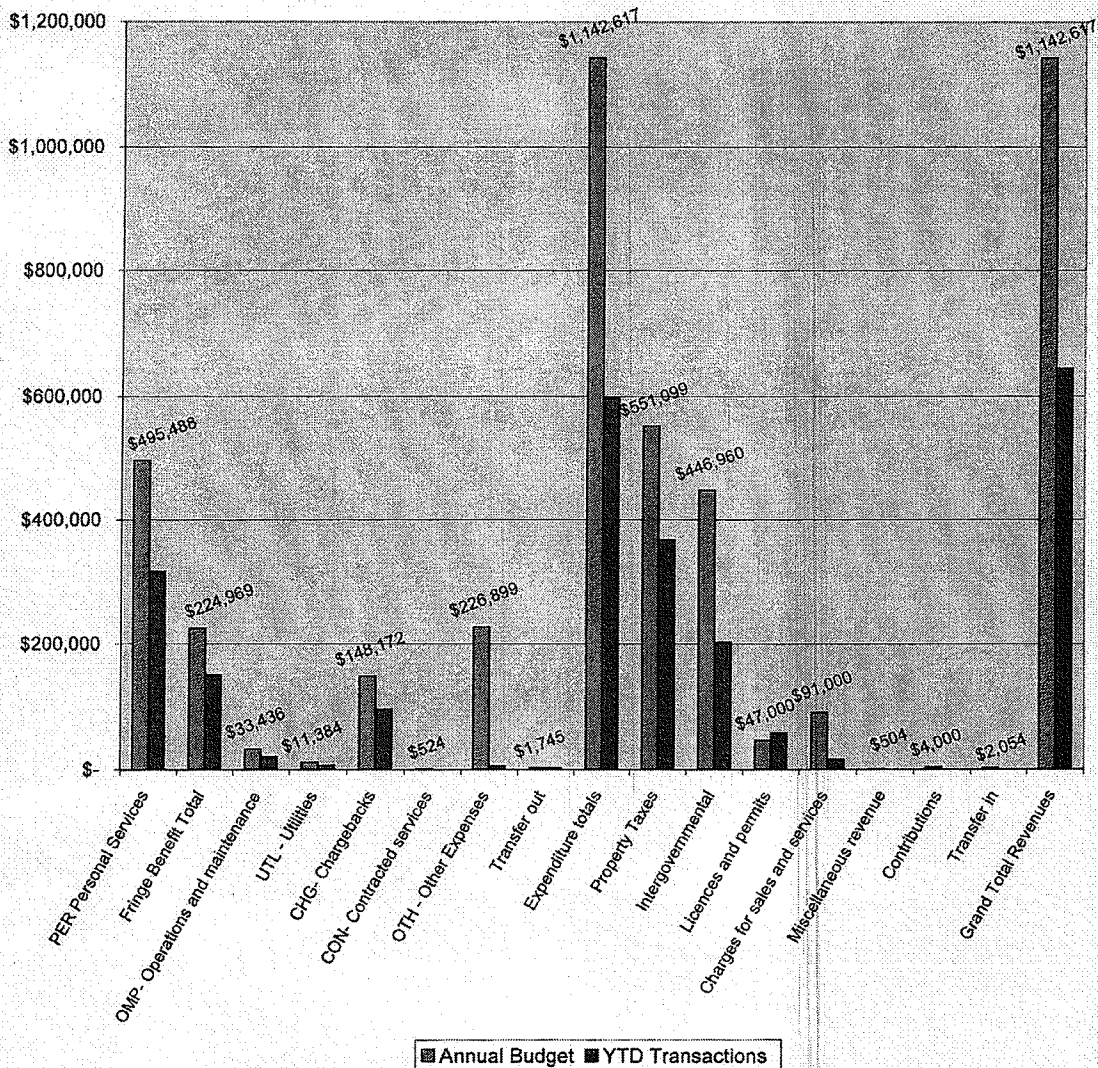
Landowner payments

DATCP staffing, LW plan, WD, West Shore, Fed Rev

Ordinance revenues

Ag Fees and Trees sales

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13. Agency Reports
14. Adjourn

*The Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation  
Association 2009 Fall Conference at*

*Rite Place*

*1580 Bellevue Street*

*Green Bay, WI 54311*

The cost will be \$15.00 per person (This includes the tip)

Coffee, Juice, Milk and Donuts will be served at 9:00 A.M.

Dinner will be Family Style Chicken with Mashed Potatoes, rolls,  
dressing, gravy, vegetable and a desert

Please make checks out to:

Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association

*Please R.S.V.P. by October 9, 2009 to Bill Hafs by emailing him @  
hafs\_BC@co.brown.wi.us or call (920)391-4633*