

**DODGE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
127 EAST OAK STREET  
JUNEAU, WI 53039  
FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee met on February 24, 2014 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel, Gerald Adelmeyer, Howard Kriewald, and MaryAnn Miller.

**Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present:** Marc Bethke, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD) County Conservationist; John Bohonek, Dodge County Land Conservation Department Conservation Engineering Technician; Jim Mielke, Dodge County Administrator; and Nathan Fikkert, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist.

**Others Present:** Bill Foley, Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association Board Vice President.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING:** Motion by Miller to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2013 and February 13, 2014 meetings; seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS:** Bill Foley introduced himself to the committee, indicating that he is a member and vice-president of the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association (BDLIA) Board, and that he was attending the meeting to observe the meeting. Mr. Foley also informed the committee that he would like to share some comments regarding Senate Bill 547 when that agenda item would be discussed.

**AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS:** Nathan Fikkert reported on significant work activities and issues of the Juneau USDA-NRCS Field Office.

**REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUES:** The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

**APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF CONSERVATION PLANS:** Motion by Kriewald to approve and sign conservation plans as presented by Marc Bethke; seconded by Miller. Motion carried

**REVIEW/ESTABLISH 2014 MANURE STORAGE ORDINANCE PERMIT FEES:** The committee discussed whether to make changes to the refundable and non-refundable permit fees under the Dodge County Manure Storage and Nutrient Utilization Ordinance. Following all discussion, motion by Miller to establish a non-refundable permit fee for projects involving only manure transfer systems at \$400.00; to maintain the non-refundable permit fee for projects involving construction activities over-and-above manure transfer systems at \$750.00, and to maintain the refundable technical assistance permit fee at \$1,000.00 for 2014; seconded by Macheel. Motion carried.

**WLWCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE – MARCH 10-12, 2014 – ATTENDANCE AND**

**RESOLUTIONS:** It was reported that the 2014 Land Conservation Department budget will only allow a total of three representatives from Dodge County to attend. The plan is to have Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel and Marc Bethke attend to represent Dodge County. Other committee members were encouraged to note the

conference dates of March 10-12 on their calendars in the event that an alternate would need to be selected to attend. Marc Bethke reported that, at this point in time, no resolutions have been submitted for consideration at the annual business meeting.

**FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM – VOLUNTARY NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANCE:**

One Voluntary Notice of Noncompliance was presented for committee review and action. Motion by Kriewald to authorize the Chair to sign the Voluntary Notice of Noncompliance for Judith Boeck, Town of Theresa; seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER/DISCUSS SENATE BILL 547/ASSEMBLY BILL 680:** Marc Bethke shared information related to proposed legislation entitled Senate Bill 547, with a companion assembly bill entitled Assembly Bill 680. A general summary of the basic provisions of this proposed legislation, commonly referred to as “The Phosphorus Bill” was reviewed and discussed. This matter was brought before the committee at this time for awareness only. Bill Foley shared that he was in support of this proposed legislation.

**COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST MONTHLY REPORT: SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND ISSUES:** Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist’s Report (see attached report).

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:** Jim Mielke reported on items of discussion at the February 11, 2014 meeting of the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District. There was continued discussion regarding the concept design of a proposed channel dredging and sediment reduction project in the northern two miles of the lake. Project cost estimates are from \$1.3 - \$3.3 million. Jim Mielke also reported on issues presented and discussed at a recent meeting of the Dodge County Lakes Group on February 12, 2014. An information brochure is being developed that will describe the importance of protecting and improving water quality in Dodge County.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Several items of interest, including a news article regarding the Yahara Pride Farms, were distributed for committee members to read.

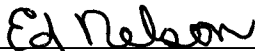
**PER DIEMS:** Motion by Miller, seconded by Macheel to approve the regular per diems, in addition to the following:

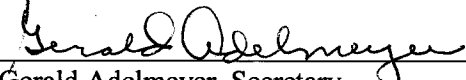
- Ed Nelson – Dodge County Lakes Group Meeting in Beaver Dam on February 12, 2014 – per diem and 18 miles
- Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel, Gerald Adelmeyer, and MaryAnn Miller – per diems and regular miles to Juneau for Water Quality Forum on February 13, 2014

Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 24, 2014 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Miller to adjourn at 10:00 AM; seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.

  
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Ed Nelson, Chair

  
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Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

**Disclaimer:** The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

## **JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2014 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT**

### **SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:**

- Began collecting data to prepare annual reports to the Dodge County Board and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)
- Spent considerable time preparing for the February 13, 2014 Water Quality Educational Forum in Juneau
- Have worked on preparing employee performance evaluations, and preparing performance goals and work directives for employees
- Provided information regarding nitrates in Dodge County groundwater through a joint letter from Janet Wimmer and myself to the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District
- Along with Bill Muche, participated via teleconference in the Southern Area Association winter meeting on January 16, 2014
- Conducted Water Quality Forum on February 13, 2014 – approximately 45 people attended
- Have been working on 2015 SWRM Grant Application to DATCP – will have it ready for review and approval at the monthly LCC meeting in March
- Have been taking calls / answering questions on Farmland Preservation Program tax credits and conservation requirements
- We continue to take orders for small packets of trees and shrubs – the nursery has directed us to keep selling until early March

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:**

- WLWCA Annual Conference – March 10-12, 2014 – Appleton

## LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

### (BILLS)

Office Max - Office Supplies =	\$ 97.61
One Landowner - Land & Water Cost Sharing =	\$ 2,058.00
Marc Bethke - November & December Expenses =	\$ 8.84
Town & Country RC&D - 2014 Membership Dues =	\$ 150.00
WLWCA - 2014 Membership Dues =	\$ 1,575.00
Southern Area Association - 2014 Membership Dues =	\$ 125.00
Robert Bird - January Expenses =	\$ 104.16
Pernat Haase Meats - Final Venison Donation Bill =	\$ 330.00
Detjens Northern Trails - Final Venison Donation Bill =	\$ 865.00
USDA-APHIS - 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2013 Wildlife Crop Damage Expenses =	\$ 9,910.84
Joe's Auto Service - New Battery for Blue S-10 =	\$ 113.44
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>\$ 15,337.89</b>

### (REVENUE)

DATCP - Land & Water Cost Share Reimbursements =	\$ 2,352.70
One Landowner - Manure Storage Ordinance Permit Fee =	\$ 750.00
146 - Small Packet Tree Orders =	\$ 10,075.49
UW-Extension - 2012/2013 Farmer Nutrient Management Training Program Reimbursement =	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>\$ 13,678.19</b>