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**LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

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**LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Monday, August 26, 2013**

**6:00 p.m. (PD&T to Follow)**

**Room 161, UW Extension**

**1150 Bellevue Street**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY TAKE ACTION ON  
ANY ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Approve/Modify Agenda.
- III. Approve/modify minutes of Land Conservation Subcommittee of July 22, 2013.

**Comments from the Public**

1. Budget Status Financial Report for June, 2013.
2. Wildlife Damage Program Update.
3. Director's Report.
4. Such other matters as authorized by law.
5. Adjourn.

Norb Dantine, Jr., Chair

Notice is hereby given that action by the Committee may be taken on any of the items which are described or listed in this agenda. Please take notice that it is possible additional members of the Board of Supervisors may attend this meeting, resulting in a majority or quorum of the Board of Supervisors. This may constitute a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.

**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, July 22, 2013 in Room 161, UW Extension, 1150 Bellevue Street

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**Present:** Chair Norb Dantine, Supervisors Bernie Erickson, Tom Sieber, and Dave Landwehr

**Excused:** Supervisor Dave Kaster

**Also Present:** Executive Streckenbach, Jim Jolly, and other interested parties

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**I. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Norb Dantienne at 6:30 p.m.

**II. Approve/Modify Agenda.**

Motion made by Supervisor Bernie Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Tom Landwehr to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**III. Approve/modify minutes of Land Conversation Subcommittee of June 24, 2013.**

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Dave Landwehr to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Comments from the Public: NONE**

**1. Budget Status Financial Report for May, 2013.**

Land & Water Conservation Director Jim Jolly reported that they are tracking at the same percentage as last year, which is good.

*Narrative Justification:*

“The employee charged to Land and Water Conservation’s Baird Creek grant was receiving benefits during the original grant award period as approved by the Federal funding agency. The continuation of benefit eligibility was approved by human resources to coincide with the extension of the grant award period. This budget adjustment request is to reallocate expenses for the benefits funded by the Baird Creek grant award.”

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

**2. Budget Adjustment Request (13-60): Reallocation of personnel services and fringe benefits to another major budget classification except contracted services, or reallocation to personnel services and fringe benefits from another major budget classification except contracted services.**

Jolly shared this topic was basically to extend the Baird Creek grant for one more year, a fully funded position that the County has nothing into. This would approve benefits that will go along with the position before the extension happens.

Landwehr question where the money would go otherwise; to landowner payments for easement rights? Jolly answered that the payments are for buffers, and they have more money than they need in their account right now, and that the project ends at the end of this year.

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

**3. Director's Report.**

Jolly handed out a proposal documents (attached), *Great Lakes Demonstration Farm Network*. This proposal will prove adaptive management is a fiscally possible alternative to industry in their high cost of implementation for getting the reductions they need. This proposal will demonstrate a number of conservation practices and other innovative technologies functioning on two to four dairy and cash crop farms; two in Brown County, two in Outagamie, all led by Brown County. The purpose of the proposal is to ramp up the conservation efforts on these acres until they hit the spot to get to the reduction they need. Anywhere from 50-60% reduction is what they are shooting for. There is a large network of partnerships who are involved listed on page 3 of the proposal. It will be a five year deal, and they will begin negotiating within the CS and with the Great Lakes commissions on August 8. Jolly also shared a new initiative for the upcoming budget, there will be a staff position that NRCS is willing to pay 75% of.

Erickson asked if the landowners will have to put dollars down if the demonstration farm needs money. Jolly said the proposal is to pay 100% of the cost. NRCS will pay 75% and Great Lakes will pick up the rest, and if they don't pick up the rest, the Soil and Water Resource Management grant will pick up the rest.

Dantienne and Landwehr asked questions about how the selection is determined in regards to the demonstration farms. Jolly shared that the program will be only 12,000 acres; the program will work if cost per pound to get phosphorous goes down, say under \$100,000 vs. the \$500,000, then the probability to move forward with a big program will work is likely. If it doesn't within the 3-5 years, then at least they will know that. Farms are chosen accordingly to capture the needed data and production. NRCS, Great Lakes, Jolly's team, and others will come up with a plan, so that it is replicable after it is done, monitored by USGS with a Cadillac monitoring system to record excellent data to find out how much run-off and how many pounds of phosphorous are in these fields.

Discussed by the committee was a possible future planned tour of these farms and their demonstrations.

To conclude to his report, Jolly shared they are currently in negotiation within the CS for an Engineering Tech position for a 3 year term at 75% funded position, and if worked out right they could get the 75% raised by having them pay for the computers, rent, etc.. At the moment, this looks hopeful.

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

4. **Such other matters as authorized by law. None**
5. **Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Blaire Xiong  
Recording Secretary

**Brown County Land & Water Conservation  
Budget Status Report  
June 30, 2013**

	<u>2013 Amended Budget</u>	<u>2013 YTD Transactions</u>	<u>2012 Amended Budget</u>	<u>2012 YTD Transactions</u>
Salaries PER	\$429,939.00	\$184,692.24	\$464,816.00	\$217,969.73
Fringe Benefits FBT	\$160,860.00	\$69,802.20	\$205,680.00	\$87,078.93
Operations & Maintenance	\$33,711.00	\$16,727.00	\$27,919.00	\$18,212.37
UTL Utilities	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CHG Chargebacks	\$126,262.00	\$60,853.21	\$121,444.00	\$59,620.13
CON Contracted services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OTH Other	\$90,357.00	\$7,959.45	\$110,242.00	\$5,260.24
OUT- Outlay	\$29,163.00	\$9,995.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TRO - Transfer out	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$872,292.00</b>	<b>\$350,029.10</b>	<b>\$930,101.00</b>	<b>\$388,141.40</b>
Property Tax Revenue	\$392,030.00	\$196,015.02	\$526,321.00	\$263,160.48
Intergov't Revenue	\$246,520.00	\$150,334.33	\$248,483.00	\$135,063.11
L&P licenses & permits	\$47,000.00	\$14,502.00	\$50,957.00	\$10,900.00
CSS - Charges for sales services	\$96,000.00	\$10,346.66	\$96,000.00	\$14,606.90
Intergov't charges for services	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc Rev.	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TRI Transfer in	\$15,742.00	\$10,846.00	\$9,218.00	\$2,844.50
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$872,292.00</b>	<b>\$382,294.01</b>	<b>\$930,979.00</b>	<b>\$426,574.99</b>

**Land and Water Conservation June 30, 2013**

