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LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

**Monday, January 23, 2012
6:00 p.m. (PD&T to Follow)
Room 161, UW-Extension
1150 Bellevue Street**

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Approve/Modify Agenda.
- III. Approve/Modify Minutes of Land Conservation Subcommittee of November 28, 2011.
 1. Land and Water Conservation Department Budget Update December 2011 (attached)
 2. Such other matters as authorized by law.
 3. Adjourn.

Norb Dantinne, 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, November 28, 2011 in Room 161, UW-Extension – 115 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, WI

Present: Norb Dantine-Chairman; Bernie Erickson, Mike Fleck, Dan Haefs,
Dave Kaster, Norb VandeHei
Also Present: Bill Hafs, Jon Bechle, Corporation Counsel John Luetscher

I. **Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Norb Dantine at 6:00 p.m.

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda:**

**Motion made by Supervisor Fleck and seconded by N. Vande Hei to approve the agenda.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of Land Conservation Subcommittee of October 24, 2011.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Supervisor Fleck to approve the agenda. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Land and Water Conservation Department Budget Update October 2011 (attached).

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

2. Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association Annual meeting agenda. Review and action on WLWCA Resolutions (attached).

County Conservationist Bill Hafs informed that the WI Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) will be meeting December 8th and informed that there were several resolutions in the committee's packet that he would like to briefly explain and to inform them of what the staff recommendations were. He explained he had a voing proxy form that would authorize him to vote on the committees behalf based on what the committee would like done with the resolutions. Hafs informed that the WLWCA had been, in the past, fairly successful in lobbying for dollars from the State to pay for their office. He informed that his salary was paid for by the State. They have lobbied for that and they get an allocation every year. He added that they had lobbied for these resolutions and had some moderate success in getting some of these things done.

Supervisor Haefs questioned how they could cast a vote on these resolutions for the December 8th WLWCA meeting when the County Board had not met and discussed these resolutions. He informed that the committee can't tell Hafs what to do. Fleck felt they

could "suggest". Haefs suggested having the Chair of the Land Conservation Subcommittee, Hafs and the attorneys work on this. Haefs stated they were going to make a recommendation but make it very clear in their motions that they were recommending it to the County Board and then Dantine, Hafs and the attorneys can decide what to do. Haefs stated if they would have known this ahead of time on special occasions a committee can be given permission to act on behalf of the County Board.

Hafs informed that the staff recommendation for Resolution #1 was to approve.

Hafs provided handouts re: NE Wisconsin Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) and stated that the resolution goes beyond some economics and felt there was good value in doing this. The maps show CAFOs which show animal population of over 1,000 animals per operation. This resolution talks about requiring three acres per animal unit so adequate land is available for land disposal of waste. The problems economically were that it had impacted rental rates on cropland and is driving the smaller guys out, they can't afford it. This is impacting sustainability and economics of farming in Brown County. Another issue was the cost to transport feed in and animal waste out greater distances and referred to the handout (attached) Brown County Crop Production Overview. Hafs informed the county had to do something.

Dantine questioned if there were better ways such as recycling. He felt they needed to look at the bigger picture. Hafs felt he was right, he felt there was some technology out there but what worried most was the fee issue from a sustainability standpoint. This was a statewide recommendation. The final resolution would be sent to State legislators and the federal government to wrestle with this issue. A brief discussion ensued with regard to a possible change of the resolution to state: up to three acres OR alternative disposal of waste. Haefs stated that the resolution stated reduction of agriculture phosphorus loading to Green Bay and Lake Michigan and noted that no one disagreed with that.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to recommend that the County Board approve Resolution #1 and forward to Land Conservation. Nays: Dantine.

Hafs informed that the staff recommendation for Resolution #2 was to approve.

Hafs informed that people were being encouraged to put their land in wetlands from agriculture. They are getting nailed on that from a tax standpoint. Wetlands are taxed higher than agriculture. Agriculture is the lowest assessed used value. This resolution came from the SE area. Norb Vande Hei explained that woodlands were taxed high as well.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Fleck to recommend that the County Board approve Resolution #2 and forward to Land Conservation.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, and seconded by Supervisor Fleck to recommend the County Board approve Resolution #3 and forward to Land Conservation.

The concern was, as Hafs understood, that currently climate change means there will be less frequent storms but more intense. This will change their engineering. This resolution is stating that the scientific community needs to come together because of those changes to change those standards.

Hafs informed that he was neutral on Resolution #4.

Motion made by Supervisor Haefs, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to recommend the County Board receive and place on file Resolution #4 and forward to Land Conservation.

Hafs informed that the staff recommendation for Resolution #5 was to approve, however he didn't feel it would impact them.

Motion made by Supervisor Fleck, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to recommend the County Board approve Resolution #5 and forward to Land Conservation.

3. WLWCA proxy vote form (attached).

Motion made by Supervisor Haefs and seconded by Supervisor Fleck to refer to Chairman of Land Conservation for his disposition. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:**

Hafs informed that he had received a letter from Kathy Pielsticker, DATCP – Bureau of Land and Water Resources after the agenda went out and wanted to inform the committee of what was going on. The letter re: Proposed alternative for allocation of the 2012 DATCP staffing grants Hafs spoke in regards to it. The original allocation that they were expected to get was \$137,819, as seen on Table A-2, Adjusted Tier 1 and 2. Hafs informed that that was what he budgeted for. The State Statute stated they should give 100% for their first position, Haf's position, 75% for the second position, and 50% for all remaining employees and they say it's not following that. They are getting a total of \$137,000 and they are cutting that even further. Hafs informed that he had written a letter (attached) to the Joint Finance Committee re: adequate staffing allocation is needed for counties to carry out State mandated services to agriculture producers and copied the County Executive on it. He was unsure where it was going to go but wanted to keep the committee informed.

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

5. **Adjourn:**

Motion by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Fleck to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

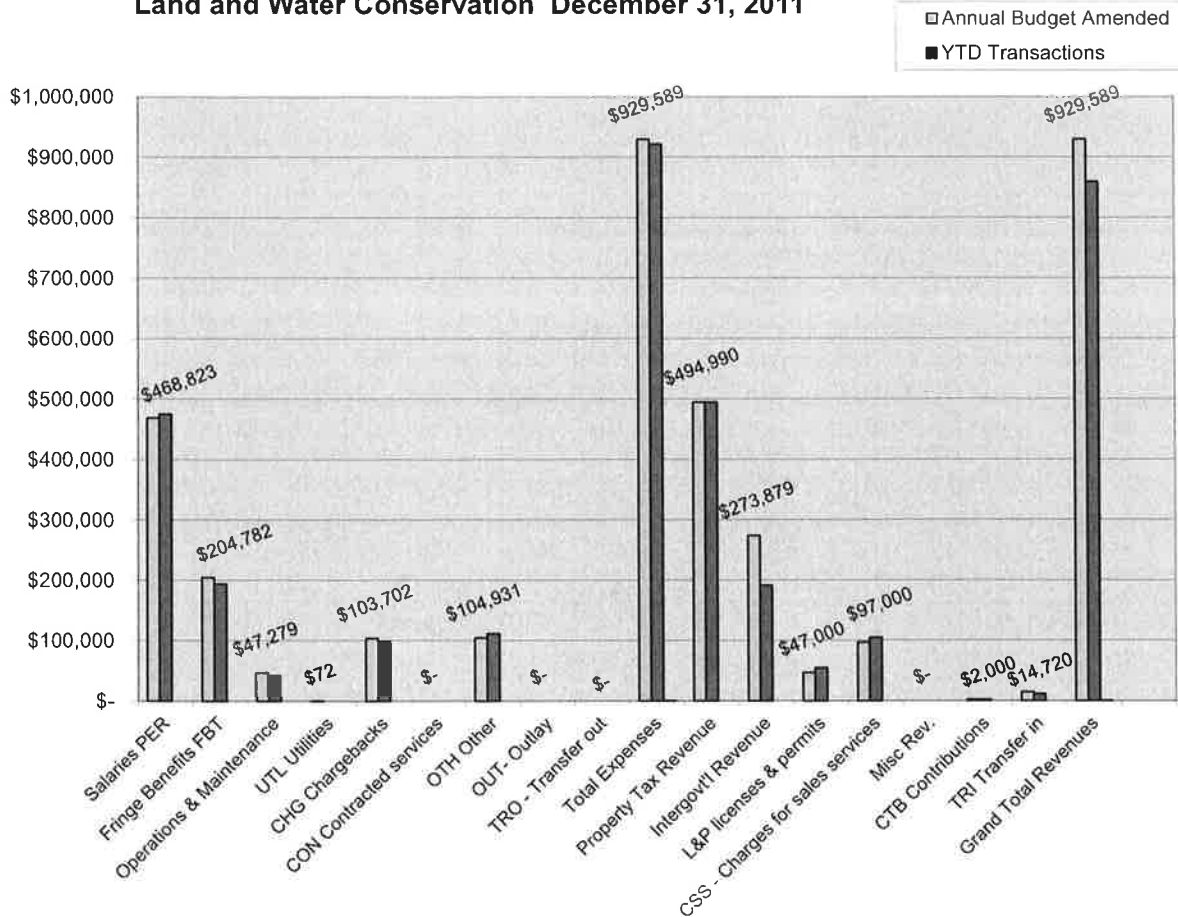
Alicia A. Loehlein
Recording Secretary

Brown County
Land and Water Conservation
Budget Status Report (unaudited)
 12/31/2011

	Annual Budget Amended	YTD Transactions
Salaries PER	\$ 468,823	\$ 475,503
Fringe Benefits FBT	\$ 204,782	\$ 193,864
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 47,279	\$ 42,520
UTL Utilities	\$ 72	\$ -
CHG Chargebacks	\$ 103,702	\$ 98,336
CON Contracted services	\$ -	\$ -
OTH Other	\$ 104,931	\$ 111,619
OUT- Outlay	\$ -	\$ -
TRO - Transfer out	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 929,589	\$ 921,844
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 494,990	\$ 494,990
Intergov't Revenue	\$ 273,879	\$ 191,185
L&P licenses & permits	\$ 47,000	\$ 54,578
CSS - Charges for sales services	\$ 97,000	\$ 105,062
Misc Rev.	\$ -	\$ -
CTB Contributions	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
TRI Transfer in	\$ 14,720	\$ 11,514
Grand Total Revenues	\$ 929,589	\$ 859,331

Indirect cost, I.S., Insurance
 Grant exp., landowner payments, WD, L&W
 99%
 State grants
 Permits, inspections
 Ag 50 cent fee, Tree sales

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Brown County

Land Conservation West Shore, Baird Creek GRANTS

Budget Status Report (unaudited)

12/31/2011	Annual Budget Amended	YTD Transactions	
Salaries PER	\$ 129,779	\$ 107,459	
Fringe Benefits FBT	\$ 47,765	\$ 20,599	
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 24,678	\$ 23,994	
CON Contracted services	\$ 37,954	\$ 12,851	Baird Creek Preservation Foundation
Other	\$ 283,300	\$ 143,531	landowner payments
OUT- Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	
TRO - Transfer out	\$ 5,580	\$ 4,014	
Total Expenses	\$ 529,056	\$ 312,451	72%
Intergov'l Revenue	\$ 529,056	\$ 292,264	
Contributions			
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfer in	\$ -	\$ -	
Grand Total Revenues	\$ 529,056	\$ 292,264	55%

Land and Water Conservation
West Shore, Baird Creek GRANTS 2011
December 31, 2011

