

**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, January 26, 2009 in Room 161, UW-Extension, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present: Norb Dantine, Bernie Erickson, Mike Fleck, Dan Haefs, Dave Kaster
Excused: Norb VandeHei
Also Present: Bill Hafs, Jim Jolly, Brad Holtz
Greg Hines – Glacierland RC&D
Tom Hinz, Jayme Sellen
Attorney Fred Mohr, Don VanderKelen

I. **Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Norb Dantine at 5:15 p.m.

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda:**

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

III. **Approve/Modify Minutes of Land Conservation Subcommittee of December 23:**

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

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

Not Available - No Action

2. **Variance Request from John Ullmer, 3387 Poolside Drive, Pulaski, proposed feedlot and existing feedlot closer than 1000 feet to property line. (Referred back from January County Board):**

At the last meeting a motion was made that Mr. Ullmer pay the normal permit fee on Feedlot #3 in the amount of \$1,200 and that the fees be waived on Feedlot #1. Attorney Mohr explained that under the present ordinance the committee cannot override the ordinance requirements, that can only be done by the County Board. The committee can recommend minimal fees. Mr. Haefs explained this would be \$4,800, \$1,200 for two barnyards, with a double provision for "after the fact"

There was also discussion to bring forward a communication which would change the ordinance so that the committee would have discretion to amend any fees under extenuating circumstances. Attorney Mohr was asked to draft such communication. When asked by Supervisor Erickson if the ordinance covered all

departments of the County or is exclusively for Land Conservation, Attorney Mohr explained that in this instance it is strictly in the Land Conservation section of the ordinance. Erickson asked that this section be reviewed as it could also affect the Zoning Department.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Supervisor Fleck to recommend to the County Board that they approve the fees related to a variance request for proposed feedlot and existing feedlot closer than 1000 feet to the property line for John Ullmer, that being the normal permit fee on Feedlot #3 in the amount of \$1,200, waiving the fee on Feedlot #1.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Glacierland RC&D:**

Greg Hines explained that Glacierland RC&D is a non-profit organization encompassing nine counties in Northeastern Wisconsin. He distributed a 2008 project list (attached), along with a flier with additional information. Brown County pays \$75 annually for membership in the RC&D. Hines stated there will be a full council meeting held on Friday, 1/30/09, in Chilton at which time there will be a presentation regarding waste transformation. He thanked Supervisor Krueger for representing Brown County on this council.

Hines informed the committee that a grant has been received in Brown County to be used for a sediment and erosion control project this spring in the Baird Creek greenway, along with a tree planting project. A 2008 Project List was distributed and is attached.

The Fall/Winter 2008 newsletter was also distributed and is attached. Mr. Hines noted that the Emerald Ash Borer has been found in Wisconsin in the Newberg area (east of West Bend). He explained that it will eventually kill every ash tree in its path. The insect travels approximately ½ mile annually, however, can be transported in cut wood, etc. He suggests there be education programs, stating that Fond du Lac is now in a quarantined area. Hines explained that the United Kingdom is requesting infected ash trees chopped to 1 inch in diameter be shipped to England to be used to create bio fuel through a gasification process.

Supervisor Erickson asked that Mr. Hines give an educational presentation at a meeting of the Great Lakes Fishermen and he agreed to do so.

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

4. **Grant Application Review for Agricultural Development & Diversification (ADD) Grant Program:**

Brad Holtz requested permission to apply for \$50,000 in funding from DATCP to support existing personnel costs, consultant, and testing costs associated with a project which converts organic waste streams from meatpackers, renderers, sewerage districts, and dairies to a palletized pathogenic free fertilizer to be used all over the United States. Brown County's goal for this effort is to create a financially viable alternative to land application of these wastes while creating a new industry with new jobs in our community.

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

5. **Morrison Well Testing Results from December 2, 2008, approval of bills from Morrison, Budget Transfer (attached):**

Bill Hafs reported the results of well testing which was recently done in Morrison, stating that in 2006 34% of the wells were higher than the drinking water standards, in 2007 testing showed 28%, and in 2008 numbers were back up to 34%. Hafs expressed concern stating that where there is shallow soil, sinkholes, or fractured bedrock, anything put on the land is going to get into the drinking water. The Land Conservation Department works with farmers to let them know which areas have the most soluble soil so that they can avoid it.

He distributed a map showing agriculture groundwater management zones and karst features in the Town of Morrison (attached).

A request was made for payment to Clean Water Testing LLC in the total amount of \$1,048.26.

**Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Kaster to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$1,048.26.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. **Director's Report:**
No Report

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

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Fleck to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Rae G. Knippel
Recording Secretary