

**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, June 27, 2016 in Room 161, UW Extension, 1150 Bellevue Street, Wisconsin.

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**Present:** Supervisors Norbert Dantine, Bernie Erickson, Dave Kaster, Dave Landwehr, Tom Sieber  
**Excused:** Citizen Rep Jeff Ronsman  
**Also Present:** Mike Mushinski, Jon Bechle, FSA Executive Director Zack Warner and other interested parties.

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*\*Audio of the meeting is available by contacting the County Board office (920) 448-4015.*

I. **Call Meeting to Order.**

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

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

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

III. **Approve/Modify Minutes of May 23, 2016.**

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

**Comments from the Public**

1. **Departmental Openings Summary.**

Land and Water Conservation Department Director Mike Mushinski informed this was a position that had been open for some time and hopefully through the budget process they will be able to finish up those grants and hire that position. Still unfilled at this point.

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

*Supervisor Landwehr arrived at 6:03 pm*

2. **Budget Status Report for May 2016.**

Mushinski reported that they were in good shape and didn't see any concerns.

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

3. **Director's Report:**

a. **Discussion and approval of SEG Transfer from Oconto County.**

Mushinski informed they were requesting to transfer DATCP \$4,860 SEG cost-share funds from Oconto County to Brown County. They had a need with a landowner in the Town of Pittsfield that was under DNR order to do nutrient management planning. They needed another \$2,000 and they hoped another county would come forward with that yet this year so they could do that.

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

**b. Discussion and approval of NRCS Operational Agreement.**

Mushinski informed the last agreement was signed in 2012; this had been reviewed by Risk Manager and Corporation Counsel and hadn't been changed at all. It was a constant update that NRCS asked for to work with the county. Through NRCS they got all their engineering approval. They had a contribution agreement that paid for 75% of one staff. There was roughly about a million dollars that was coming into Brown County through NRCS right now. The DEMO farms were partially funded by NRCS.

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

**c. DATCP – Farmland Preservation Letter to Participants.**

Farmland Preservation was changing again, it will continue to change. Department of Ag sent this letter out to all participants in Brown County and they only knew of 450 participants that claimed credits, there were actually about 600. The Department of Revenue didn't tell them who took the credit, they only knew by them contacting their office. They got 100 calls and did all those new certificates. Each landowner needed a new zoning certificate with a unique number on it and they were assigning those numbers, they still had about 500 to go. There had been about 7% ineligibility mostly because of not being zoned exclusive Ag in the townships or village. They were working with them to get them rezoned or some approvals. It will be for 2016 taxes.

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

**d. Land & Water Plan update.**

They got DATCP approval so far; they were waiting on DNR approval and will get those changes made. He was anticipating they will have a public hearing in August as well as LCC approval that same night. Once they get that done, it went to DATCP Board in December and County Board in January 2017.

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

**Other**

**4. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law. None.**

**5. Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein  
Recording Secretary