

Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Committee Agenda
"Working Together to Protect & Enhance the Environment"

Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S Center Ave, Rm 112
Jefferson, WI 53549-1701

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 @ 8:00 am

Committee Members: Matthew Foelker (Chair), Ed Morse (Vice Chair), Peter Hartz (Secretary), Gregg Patrick (Member), Laura Payne (Member), Frank Anfang (FSA Rep) and Margaret Burlingham (Public Member)

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law
4. Approval of the October Agenda
5. Approval of the September 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes
6. Communications
 - Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) October 2016 Report
7. Public Comment (members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)
8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report
9. Discussion on USDA Wildlife Services - Dave Terrell
10. Discussion on Farm Tech Days - LaVern Georgson
11. Discussion and Possible Action on County Farm Lease
12. Discussion on Hoard's Dairyman Manure Pit
13. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)
14. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellations of Notices of Noncompliance - FPP
15. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (August)
16. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE) Applications
17. Discussion on Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Report on Baseline Documentation for Easements
18. Discussion on Marketing Farmland Conservation Easements
19. Discussion and Possible Action on Monitoring Easements
20. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda
21. Next Scheduled Meeting:
 - November 16, 2016 @ 8:00 am in Room 112
22. Adjournment

A quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.

Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at this meeting should contact the County Administrator 24 hours prior to the meeting at (920) 674-7101 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes September 21, 2016

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:00 am. Committee members Matthew Foelker (Chair), Ed Morse (Vice Chair), Peter Hartz (Secretary), Gregg Patrick (Member), Laura Payne (Member), Frank Anfang (FSA Rep), and Margaret Burlingham (Public Member) were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Patricia Cicero, LWCD; and Cody Calkins, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum):

A quorum was established.

3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law:

It was determined that the committee was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. Approval of the September Agenda:

The September agenda was reviewed by the committee members. No changes were proposed.

5. Approval of the August 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the August 17, 2016 meeting minutes as written, Gregg Patrick seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

6. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) September Report. See attached.
- Margaret Burlingham spoke about the Food, Land + Water Project she attended in Stevens Point.
- Ed Morse has been attending the Historical Society's meeting in regard to the Jefferson County Potters Field.

7. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Cody Calkins discussed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report and informed the committee that NRCS in Jefferson County is now fully staffed. However, the District Conservationist position will be shared with Dodge County. This may change at a future time.

9. Discussion on County Water Resource Management - Patricia Cicero:

Patricia Cicero discussed Water Resource Management in Jefferson County. See the attached outline of the program and resources offered.

10. Discussion on Potter's Field Maintenance:

Mark Watkins informed the committee that Potter's Field will need a little extra maintenance to fill a few holes left when some small bushes were removed from the site.

11. Discussion on Hoard's Dairyman Manure Pit:

Mark Watkins spoke to the engineer Hoard's contracted to repair the manure pit. The engineer is working on a plan. The plan isn't finished and when the plan is available it will be presented to the LWCD.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

Voluntary - Linda S Ball Trust, David Bienfang, Ricky J Gerbitz

Frank Anfang made a motion to accept the notices, Gregg Patrick seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellations of Notices of Noncompliance - FPP:

Dennis Stockfish

Gregg Patrick made a motion to accept the notices, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

14. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (July):

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures (July) was distributed. See attached.

15. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE) Applications:

Margaret Burlingham informed the committee that the Haberman easement was completed 9/16/16. At this time 877 paid acres and 258 donated acres have been permanently protected by the Jefferson County Farmland Easement program.

16. Discussion on Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Report on Baseline Documentation for Easements:

Mark Watkins - All easements are meeting standards. LWCD will continue to monitor.

17. Discussion on Marketing Farmland Conservation Easements:

Margaret Burlingham discussed possible marketing ideas - An article in the local paper in regard to Haberman's easement, a booth at Farm Tech Days, looking in to what other counties and/or states have done to create interest.

18. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: Items #8, #11 - #18, Farm Tech Days, County Farm lease, 2017 Budget Request update, send meeting invite to Kristin Westad @ NRCS, monitoring easements

19. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- October 19, 2016 @ 8:00 in Room 112

20. Adjournment

Gregg Patrick made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 am, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

DATCP REPORT

October 2016

Soil and Water Resource Management Grants

- At their meeting on Tuesday, October 4th, the Land and Water Conservation Board will review and recommend approval of the final 2017 Joint Allocation Plan.
- The Cost-Share Funds Transfer Agreement (Form 407) to transfer cost-share funds between counties must be completed and received by DATCP no later than December 1, 2016.

Land and Water Resource Management Plans

- At the October 4th meeting of the Land and Water Conservation Board, the Board will review and recommend approval of LWRM plans for Waushara, Sawyer, Florence, and Green Counties.

Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants

- DATCP staff reviewed 12 grant applications for the 2017 Fiscal Year Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant program. Eleven of the applications were funded for a total of \$197,065.
- The ATCP Board approved public hearings for ATCP 52 on September 8th. Public hearings will be held on October 17, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Madison and on October 20, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Eau Claire.
- DATCP staff continue to meet with producer-led groups throughout the state to learn more about groups' progress and identify areas of needed assistance. More information about all of the funded producer-led projects including a story map about each one can be found on our [website](#).¹
- The Producer-Led Annual Information Sharing workshop will be held on December 14th at the Wilderness in Wisconsin Dells. At least one member from each producer-led group and collaborators are invited to attend. For more information view our [website](#).²

Nutrient Management

- DATCP is currently revising ATCP 50, primarily to incorporate the new federal NRCS 590 standard adopted in December 2015. Comments are being accepted on the economic impact of the proposed rule revision on businesses, local governments, and individuals. Comments will be accepted until October 20, 2016 and can be sent to Sue Porter.³ The text of the approved scope statement, initial regulatory flexibility analysis, and the initial hearing draft (which has not yet been approved by the DATCP Board) are on our [website](#).⁴ This comment period does not replace the public hearing process. Public hearings on the proposed rule are anticipated in late January and early February.

Farmland Preservation

- Recent farmland preservation program approvals include Jackson and Trempealeau County FP plans, St. Croix and Outagamie County FP Plan map amendments, and the Town of Buffalo's FP zoning ordinance (Marquette County).
- Land and Water Resources staff, in partnership with 12 other organizations, submitted a proposal to the Natural Resources Conservation Service for consideration of a Regional Conservation Partnership Program project within the Agricultural Enterprise Areas located in Lafayette County. If successful, the project will provide farmers access to additional federal funding for conservation practices. If you need help with a similar type of project in your AEA, contact us.

¹ https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ProducerLedProjects.aspx

² https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ProducerLedProjects.aspx

³ E-mail comments can be submitted to sue.porter@wi.gov. Written comments can be sent to Sue Porter, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) – Division of Agricultural Resource Management, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708-8911.

⁴ https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/About_Us/PublicCommentsEconomicImpact.aspx

Notice of Discharge/Notice of Intent Grants

- There is still time to apply for a grant through the Notice of Discharge/Notice of Intent grant program in 2016. DATCP and DNR both have some money available to help resolve a discharge issue. If interested, work with your DNR Regional Nonpoint Source Coordinator to complete the grant application⁵ by October 19. Contact your regional coordinator, or Mike Gilbertson, DNR, or Scott Karel, DATCP, with questions.

Conservation Engineering

- In September 2016, NRCS released the revised Conservation Practice Standard 635 – Vegetated Treatment Area (VTA).⁶ A significant departure from the current standard, the new standard has different criteria based on the livestock operation's animal units (AUs) and separation distance to water resource concerns. Some type of runoff storage will be required in most cases except for operations that are less than 300 AUs and not close to water resources.
- At some point, ATCP 50 and the Engineering Practitioner Certification/Job Approval Authority form will be updated to incorporate the new NRCS 635 standard. At this time, counties will continue to need DATCP or NRCS Area Engineers to provide design and construction approval for VTA projects. DATCP and DNR plan to set aside separate reserves in 2017 to help offset the added costs in controlling runoff from barnyards, feed storage and milking center waste.
- In its proposed revision to ATCP 50, DATCP is proposing changing the certification process to include a three year renewal provision. The draft rule with the new provisions is currently being circulated to collect comments on the economic impact of the proposals. A draft of the rule is available on our website.⁷

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

- The Farm Service Agency has signed an amendment to the agreement for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) in Wisconsin. The amendment adds additional areas in Monroe, Juneau, Columbia, and Sauk Counties; and Adams County as eligible areas for CREP.
- DATCP offers CREP training for counties that covers CREP basics, county CREP responsibilities, and available tools. Trainings can be held locally and are a good opportunity for all partner agencies (LCD, FSC, NRCS, and DATCP) to convene and review CREP in their area. Contact Brian.Loeffelholz@wisconsin.gov if you are interested in arranging a training or have any other CREP-related questions.

Other Items

- The 2015 Land and Water Conservation Annual Report⁸ is now available! The report highlights conservation work around the state by highlighting county success stories, and also summarizes annual reporting information provided by counties earlier this year. Two hard copies of the report are available for each county. Additional copies can be printed from the website. Contact Coreen Fallat to determine how to get your copies or to provide your suggestions for success stories to highlight in the 2016 report.
- The next SITCOM meeting will be on October 24. That meeting will mark the beginning of an evaluation of the program that will help to highlight successes of the group and identify areas for improvement with respect to the training needs of conservation professionals statewide.
- Plans for a New Employee Training on November 14th are in the works! The New Employee Training provides new employees with an opportunity get an overview of conservation programs and partners in Wisconsin. Roundtables during the day provide new employees with a chance to connect with agency partners on specific programs. For more information, contact Penny Pohle at WI Land+Water.

⁵ <http://dnr.wi.gov/aid/nod.html>

⁶ [https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/WI/635_WI_CPS-\(2016-09\).pdf](https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/WI/635_WI_CPS-(2016-09).pdf)

⁷ <https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/ATCP50HearingDraftereconomicimpactcomments.pdf>

⁸ <https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/LandWaterAnnualReport2015.pdf>

Jefferson County
Land & Water Conservation Totals

Date Ran 9/21/2016
Period 8
Year 2016

Business Unit	Description	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Prorated Variance	Total Budget	Annual Remaining	Percentage Of Budget
7001 Land & Water	Revenue	(202,318.75)	(47,196.08)	(436,314.19)	(377,568.67)	(58,745.52)	(566,353.00)	(130,038.81)	77.04%
	Expenditures	49,170.63	47,196.08	379,288.02	377,568.67	1,719.35	566,353.00	187,064.98	66.97%
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		(153,148.12)	(0.00)	(57,026.17)	(0.00)	(57,026.17)	-	57,026.17	0.00%
7002 Wild Life Crop	Revenue	-	(1,666.67)	(2,824.68)	(13,333.33)	10,508.65	(20,000.00)	(17,175.32)	14.12%
	Expenditures	-	1,666.67	7,104.08	13,333.33	(6,229.25)	20,000.00	12,895.92	35.52%
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	4,279.40	-	4,279.40	-	(4,279.40)	0.00%
7007 Nutrient Manage	Revenue	-	(20.83)	(150.00)	(166.67)	16.67	(250.00)	(100.00)	0.60
	Expenditures	-	20.83	60.08	166.67	(106.59)	250.00	189.92	0.24
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	(89.92)	-	(89.92)	-	89.92	-
7008 County Cost Share	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
7009 Hope Lake	Revenue	-	-	(1,853.90)	-	(1,853.90)	-	1,853.90	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	(1,853.90)	-	(1,853.90)	-	1,853.90	0.00%
7010 Resources	Revenue	(21,347.38)	(4,083.33)	(46,694.38)	(32,666.67)	(14,027.71)	(49,000.00)	(2,305.62)	95.29%
	Expenditures	1,845.38	4,083.33	47,758.38	32,666.67	15,091.71	49,000.00	1,241.62	97.47%
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		(19,502.00)	0.00	1,064.00	0.00	1,064.00	-	(1,064.00)	0.00%
7011 Non Metallic	Revenue	1,426.25	(40.42)	11,410.00	(323.33)	11,733.33	(485.00)	(11,895.00)	-2352.58%
	Expenditures	6.69	40.42	32.79	323.33	(290.54)	485.00	452.21	6.76%
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		1,432.94	(0.00)	11,442.79	(0.00)	11,442.79	-	(11,442.79)	0.00%
7012 Mud Lake	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7013 Rome Ponds	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
7014 Gypsy Moth Program	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
7016 Southern Area	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
7019 Farmland Preservation	Revenue	(82.38)	(26,362.50)	(98,117.29)	(210,900.00)	112,782.71	(316,350.00)	(218,232.71)	0.31
	Expenditures	136,238.82	44,907.33	286,621.14	359,258.65	(72,637.51)	538,887.98	252,266.84	0.53
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		136,156.44	18,544.83	188,503.85	148,358.65	40,145.20	222,537.98	34,034.13	-
7020 County Farm	Revenue	8,684.83	(122.50)	16,634.64	(980.00)	17,614.64	(1,470.00)	(18,104.64)	-1131.61%
	Expenditures	103.77	122.50	572.24	980.00	(407.76)	1,470.00	897.76	38.93%
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		8,788.60	-	17,206.88	-	17,206.88	-	(17,206.88)	0.00%
Total All Business Units	Revenue	(213,637.43)	(79,492.33)	(557,909.80)	(635,938.67)	78,028.87	(953,908.00)	(395,998.20)	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	187,365.29	98,037.17	721,436.73	784,297.32	(62,860.59)	1,176,445.98	455,009.25	#DIV/0!
	Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Grand Toat Land Conservation		(26,272.14)	18,544.83	163,526.93	148,358.65	15,168.28	222,537.98	59,011.05	#DIV/0!