



## Minutes of the Farmland Conservation Easement Commission Meeting

**Jefferson County Courthouse, Room 203  
320 S Main St  
Jefferson, WI 53549**

**Monday, January 13, 2014, 12:37 pm**

Members: Margaret Burlingham (Chairperson), Amy Rinard (Vice-Chairperson), Mariah Hadler (Secretary), Steve Nass and Blane Poulson

1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Burlingham at 12:37 pm.
2. Roll Call  
Commission members present included Nass, Hadler, Burlingham, Poulson, Rinard and John Molinaro (ex-officio). County staff present was Gerry Kokkonen (Land and Water Conservation) and Michelle Staff (Zoning Department).
3. Certification of Compliance With Open Meetings Law Requirements  
Burlingham and Staff verified that the meeting was being held in compliance with open meetings law requirements.
4. Review of Agenda  
No changes were proposed to the agenda.
5. Public Comment  
None
6. Communications  
Burlingham stated that the enhanced federal tax credits for donated easements ended on January 1. She encouraged the Commission to contact their federal representative to support the farm bill passage. Molinaro stated that he would be contacting Tammy Baldwin's office after the meeting.
7. Review & Approval of the December 9, 2013 Minutes  
**Motion** made by Nass, seconded by Hadler to approve the December 9<sup>th</sup> minutes. **Motion** carried on a voice vote with no objection.
8. Discussion on interest forms received for the PACE program  
Molinaro stated he hadn't talked to Roger Lehmann yet. The Commission will discuss this further when there is an update from Lehmann.
9. Discussion and Possible Action on 2011 PACE Applications  
The Commission closed on the Neupert easement in December. Burlingham stated that she got a nice photo of Neupert with his farm sign. This item will be taken off the agenda since the easement is now in place.

Wilke still needs to complete some items for NRCS compliance. It was stated that when the property is NRCS compliant, the Commission will get another appraisal of the farm as required by NRCS.

10. Jefferson County LWCD update on Baseline Documentation for easements

Kokkonen stated that he is waiting until Wilke is NRCS compliant before he starts their baseline documentation.

11. Discussion on future events in which the Farmland Conservation Easement Commission would like to participate  
Please refer to photo attached to these minutes for items discussed between the Commissioners.
12. Future Meeting Dates  
Next meeting was changed to February 17<sup>th</sup> because the Chairperson will be on vacation.
13. Suggestions for the Next Agenda  
None
14. Adjourn  
**Motion** by Nass, seconded by Rinard, to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. **Motion** carried on a voice vote with no objection.

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Secretary Signature

Date

Minutes by Michelle Staff, Zoning Technician, Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department