



Farmland Conservation Easement Commission Agenda

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

Monday, October 14, 2013 12:30 pm

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

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Certification of Compliance With Open Meetings Law Requirement
4. Review of Agenda
5. Public Comment
6. Communications
7. Review & Approval of the September 9, 2013 meeting minutes
8. Discussion with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on possible funding sources for easements
9. Discussion and possible action on 2011 PACE applications
 - a. Dale Neupert, Town of Waterloo
 - b. Greg Wilke, Town of Waterloo
10. Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation Report on Baseline Documentation for Easements.
11. Recap and discussion of the farmer market events and event at the Lea Farm
12. Future Meeting Dates
 - a. November 11, 2013 at 12:30 pm in Room 203
 - b. December 9, 2013 at 12:30 pm in Room 203
 - c. January 13, 2014 at 12:30 pm in Room 203
 - d. February 10, 2013 at 12:30 pm in Room 203
13. Suggestions for the Next Agenda

14. Adjourn

***The Commission may discuss and/or take action on any item specifically listed on the agenda. Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact the County Administrator at 920-674-7101 24 hours prior to the meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made.



Minutes of the Farmland Conservation Easement Commission Meeting

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Monday, September 9, 2013, 12:30 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 12:32 pm.
2. Roll Call
Commission members present included Poulson, Burlingham, Nass, John Molinaro (ex-officio) and Rinard. Hadler was absent. County staff present was Philip Ristow (Corporation Counsel) 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
No public comment.
6. Communications
Gathering Waters is having an event where they are honoring Thomas Lyon on September 26th at 5:30 to 8:30 in Madison at the Monona Terrace.
7. Review & Approval of the August 12, 2013 Minutes
Motion made by Rinard, seconded by Burlingham to approve the August 12, 2013 minutes. **Motion** carried on a voice vote with no objection.
8. Discussion on interest forms received for the PACE program
 - a. Roger Lehmann – Burlingham contacted Lehmann about a possible DNR easement on this property. Lehmann stated that he is a little leery about public access to his property. There was discussion on who will enforce the easement to make sure the public is respectful of the property. Molinaro stated that we need to get in writing from the DNR the proposed easement language they require because they require public access. There was discussion on other issues such as the underground tank and sediment basin. Molinaro suggested that the Commission invite DNR to come to the Commission meeting to explain how the easement program works with the DNR.
9. Discussion and Possible Action on 2011 PACE Applications

Burlingham reported that the Neupert easement is almost completed. Ristow stated that all of NRCS comments have been e-mailed to him. There were some small issues on the title commitment but all of the paperwork should be completed by today or tomorrow and submitted to NRCS.

Wilkes' easement is still waiting for the sediment basin to be constructed before any additional paperwork is completed.

10. Jefferson County LWCD update on Baseline Documentation for easements
Burlingham stated that Millers', Zentners' and Burlinghams' baseline reports have been completed.

11. Discussion on Possible Funding Sources for the PACE Program
Burlingham stated she was out in Lancaster, PA and talked to a farmer whose farm was protected by a private land trust because the counties have a 200-farm waiting list. Burlingham asked the farmer how much farmland goes for in the area and he said \$12,000 to \$15,000 with or without an easement. Burlingham will call the Land Trust in PA and see what they do for fund raisers.

Molinaro stated that the County Board Budget will be taken up September 11 at 9:45 a.m. where they will be discussing any funding for this program. Molinaro suggested that members of the Commission come to the Committee meeting. Burlingham will be sending an e-mail to the Finance Committee.

12. Discussion on possible farmers' market events, County Fair and summer event at the Lea farm

There was a lengthy discussion on the duty of members for the event. See attached photo of white board.

13. Future Meeting Dates

All meeting dates were acceptable to the Commission members.

14. Suggestions for the Next Agenda

None

15. Adjourn

Motion by Rinard, seconded by Poulson, to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

Secretary Signature

Date

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

TODDO LIST: Oct. 5 11-3

Publicity - radio, newspaper, flyers, Facebook - Margaret. ^{John}

Band - Gary Buel 920-852-3670 Blane Donations
 Pulson \$100
 Langmanor \$100
 Sustain Jefferson \$100
 Education - Easement Commission Amy - Steve pm
 - Total Crop Management - Kathy Lane - Bill Ribbiff - Margaret

4-H - Sara / UW Ext.
 Farmer's Union - Face Painting
 AFT - Bill Berry

Food - FFA - Sustain Jefferson. Amy
 Mikayla - Ice Cream Blane / FB Rod's machine, Ann
 Hay Rides - Rod - Margaret

Sustain Jefferson
 \$100.-

Animals - Rod - Dean Yandry?

Be there 10:00

Invite Ag Sec + Deputy

Flying Farmers - Rod

Call Rod

Parking - Friday set up. John, student volunteers.

Logistics

What do you need for set up
 Sign - Events, hayride times.
 Committee meeting at farm?

Signs - Margaret

Michele bring car staff

Electric - Rod

Farmstead map + Event times.

Porta Pottie - Rod - Cost?

Student Volunteers - Margaret.

Set-up - Thurs.

Blane pm
 Steve pm

Fri John

Blane pm
 Steve pm
 Amy

Sat.

Blane
 Amy
 Margaret
 John
 Steve pm

Carter

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