



## Minutes of the Farmland Conservation Easement Commission Meeting

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

**Monday, June 10, 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 12:35 pm.

2. Roll Call

Commission members present included Hadler, Burlingham, John Molinaro (ex-officio), Nass and Rinard. Member absent was Poulson. County staff present was Michelle Staff (Zoning Department), Phil Ristow (Corporation Counsel) and Gerry Kokkonen (Land and Water Conservation 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

Molinaro stated that the Stewardship funds from the DNR will be used for easements but then will require public access.

Burlingham stated that there are many Farm Bureau events such as Farm Bureau at the County Fair on July 13. The State Farm Bureau District 1 policy meeting is on August 8 at 7 pm at the Machine Shed Restaurant in Pewaukee. The Jefferson County Farm Bureau annual meeting is December 22 at the Plattdeuscher Hall.

Daphne Holterman won the Wisconsin Ag Women Summit award this year.

7. Review & Approval of the May 13, 2013 Minutes

**Motion** made by Hadler, seconded by Burlingham to approve the April 4, 2013 minutes. **Motion** carried on a voice vote with no objection.

Motion made by Hadler, seconded by Burlingham to approve the April 22, 2013 minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

Motion made by Hadler, seconded by Burlingham to approve the May 13, 2013 minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

Motion made by Nass, seconded by Burlingham to approve the May 13, 2013 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

8. Discussion on interest forms received for the PACE program
  - a. Roger Lehmann  
On hold until concerns are addressed by Lehmann. Burlingham has sent Lehmann a letter of those concerns.
  - b. Clifford Haberman  
Burlingham called Haberman, when he stated to her that he was still interested in the program but was not concerned about length of time, may have to wait.
  - c. Gary & Mary Kunz  
Staff indicated that the application came in the mail and she was not in touch with the Kunzs. Burlingham stated that she will contact them to see their level of interest.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on 2011 PACE Applications  
Ristow talked to Neupert and Natural Heritage Land Trust about the new easement language required by NRCS. Burlingham stated that the second appraisal should be completed this week or the next. Once we receive the updated appraisal, we will forward it to NRCS.

Wilke has not completed his manure runoff project to be complaint with NRCS standards. In addition, the appraisal will need to be updated.

10. Jefferson County LWCD update on Baseline Documentation for easements  
Kokkonen gave an update on the baseline document handout. Neupert's is completed. Kokkonen is working on Miller's and Burlingham's baseline reports for previously approved donated easements. Kokkonen has developed an annual inspection report for each of the easements that will be inspected yearly.

11. Easement Donation from Rodell Lea, Town of Oakland  
Lea stated that he would like to wait to donate until he finds the status of a neighboring property that is being sold. Burlingham said that we will remove this agenda item until Lea would like to be put back on.

12. Discussion on Possible Funding Sources for the PACE Program  
As stated earlier, there may be some DNR funding of easements but that would require the property owner to allow public access on the property.

Nass suggested that the Commission request a line item in the budget for monies to purchase easements. Motion by Nass, second by Rinard, to ask for \$50,000 as a line item for the PACE Program to purchase easements. Motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

13. Discussion on possible farmers' market events, County Fair and summer event at the Lea farm  
Burlingham updated the Commission on the farmers' market event that took place on May 25<sup>th</sup>. The next event will be June 22<sup>nd</sup> with Hadler and Molinaro participating from 8 am to noon. At the Jefferson County Fair, the Commission

