

RACINE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION  
14200 Washington Avenue  
Sturtevant, Wisconsin 53177-1253  
Phone: 262-886-8440 Fax: 262-886-8480

**RACINE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**Also Known as a Subcommittee of**  
**THE RACINE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
Ives Grove Office Complex Auditorium – 14200 Washington Avenue  
Monday, 5:15 p.m., January 15, 2018

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

Committee Members Present: D. Cooke, T. Pringle, T. Roanhouse, M. Osterman, R. Grove  
T. Greil

Youth in Governance Excused: G. Becerra, D. James

Excused: T. Hincz, M. Gleason

Staff Present: C. Sampson

Supervisor D. Cooke called the January 15, 2018 Racine County Land Conservation Committee meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

1. A motion by T. Pringle/M. Osterman to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2017 meeting. M. Osterman had one correction changing 10,000 acres to 3,000 acres. This was noted and the motion was approved with the correction (6-0).
2. Review, discussion, and possible approval of the fiscal administration of the Producer-Led grant for the Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County (WPCR) from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WI DATCP). C. Sampson gave an overview of the grant and the County responsibilities. M. Osterman asked if the grant was a pass-through grant. C. Sampson stated it was. R. Grove asked if the grant could be used as a match. C. Sampson stated this is the intent. C. Sampson stated the grant contract is between the WPCR and WI DATCP. Racine County has signed an MOU to assist with the fiscal administration of the grant. A motion by T. Pringle, seconded by M. Osterman to approved fiscal administration of the Producer Led Watershed grant. Motion approved (6-0).
3. Review, discussion, and possible approval of \$13,900 of cost-share to the Oakcrest Creek project in the Town of Dover. C. Sampson stated the location of the project is the creek that crosses under Eagle Road into the Eagle Lake near Michael's Restaurant. C. Sampson continued to state that this is just a portion of the cost, but is a good start to get the project moving forward. The project entails removing legacy sediment, reshaping the existing ditch to a more natural channel, and planting native grasses along with buffers once the sediment is removed. T. Roanhouse stated that the Eagle Lake community is very upbeat about this project and it has a lot of support. A motion by T. Pringle, seconded by Tom Roanhouse to approve \$13,900 of cost-share for the Oakcrest Creek project. Motion approved (6-0).

4. Review, discussion, and possible support of Racine County participation in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, "Multi-Discharger Variance Program." C. Sampson gave an overview of the seven waste treatment facilities in Racine County that have expiring permits and need to upgrade their facilities, but this can be at a high cost. Municipalities are opting for the MDV option to give themselves an extension. In this case, they are paying County's, specifically Land Conservation Committee's and Department's to install conservation practices to remove phosphorus. M. Osterman asked about the exact dollar figure that we are talking about. C. Sampson stated just a few thousand dollars in the first year or two, but could increase to tens of thousands or even hundreds of thousands in the future. M. Osterman asked what the value was per pound of phosphorus. C. Sampson was unsure of the exact amount, but stated that they Yorkville Sanitary District was needing to remove enough phosphorus using the MDV equivalent to about \$10,000 to \$12,000 per year. T. Greil stated the it is difficult to measure phosphorus because results were often all over the board. C. Sampson stated models would be used that are associated with the MDV program. A motion by T. Pringle, seconded by R. Grove to support Racine County participation in the MDV Program. Motion approved (6-0).
5. Information only: The Annual Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Conference is from March 14 – 16 at the Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva. Registration is currently available on-line. C. Sampson stated that at the conference there will be a vote for representation on the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board, and M. Osterman is the Southeast Area nominee. This vote occurs on Thursday after lunch. Go to <https://wisconsinlandwater.org/events/annual-conference> to register.
6. Information only: The Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County is holding an educational workshop about grassed buffer programs and cover crops from 9 a.m. until Noon on February 21<sup>st</sup> at Dover Town Hall. Registration is free and lunch is included.
7. Information only: C. Sampson distributed the 2017 Racine County Land Conservation Division Annual Report.
8. USDA Reports: The Farm Service Agency report was distributed. A lot of good information on the farm programs that are available are in this report. T. Greil added that the Farm Bill is scheduled to come out in the fall of 2018. T. Greil continued to state that the legislative focus seems to be shifting toward conservation and away from the subsidy programs. A motion to receive and file by R. Grove, seconded by T. Pringle. Motion approved (6-0).
9. Other Business: M. Osterman will be attending the NACD Annual Conference in Nashville, TN.
10. A motion by T. Pringle, seconded by M. Osterman to adjourn at 5:44 p.m. Motion approved (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,

---

Thomas Roanhouse, Secretary  
Land Conservation Committee

---

Chad Sampson, Recorder