

RACINE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION
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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., November 18, 2019

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AGENDA

1. Review, discussion and possible approval of the September 16, 2019 summary minutes.
2. Review, discussion and possible approval of the 2020 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) budget.
3. Review, discussion and possible approval of the 2019 Wildlife Damage crop price proposal.
4. Review, discussion and possible approval of two Soil and Water Resource Management grant transfers to Racine County. Transfer \$45,000 from Rusk County and \$22,000 from Ozaukee County to Racine County's grant allocation.
5. Information only: Update on the Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County.
6. Information only: Update on conservation construction projects installed this year.
7. Information only: County Conservationist meeting in Steven's Point on December 12 and 13.
8. Federal Agency Reports from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).
9. Other business as authorized by law.
10. Adjournment.

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SUMMARY MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Members Present: T. Pringle, K. Buske, M. Osterman, D. Cooke,
T. Hincz, R. Grove, T. Roanhouse

Committee Members Excused: T. Greil

Youth in Governance Present: V. Pulice, J. Janes

Staff Present: C. Sampson

Supervisor D. Cooke called the September 16, 2019 Racine County Land Conservation Committee meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

1. A motion by T. Pringle/K. Buske to approve the minutes for the June 17, 2019 meeting. The motion was approved (2-0) by Youth in Governance and (7-0) by the Committee.
2. Item was removed from the agenda.
3. Information only: C. Sampson stated the spring 2020 Racine County Tree Sale is open for orders. T. Roanhouse realized the program is well received and asked how the word gets out regarding the program. C. Sampson stated last year's sale had approximately 250 orders totaling 35,000 trees. C. Sampson continued to say a mailing list from USDA's Farm Service Agency contains over 5,000 names and addresses agricultural landowners/producers from Racine, Kenosha and Milwaukee Counties. The order form is distributed with a newsletter each year to this list. T. Hincz asked a couple questions regarding the swamp white oak and which trees are fast growing. C. Sampson said the swamp white oak is a variation of the white oak but is tolerant in hydric soils. C. Sampson continued to say the fastest growing tree outside of the pines is the hybrid poplar. V. Pulice asked about prairie seed mix. C. Sampson answered the mix is native to the area is what existed prior to intensive agriculture. T. Pringle asked to receive and file, seconded by T. Roanhouse. Approved (2-0) by Youth in Governance and (7-0) by the Committee.
4. Information only: An update from the September 11, 2019 Summer Field Day hosted by the Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County at Anthony Beck's farm in Waterford. C. Sampson stated 70 people showed up for the event, including about 50 farmers. C. Sampson said the participants were divided into three stations. First, a soil pit demonstration by Jamie Patton from the University of Wisconsin Extension. Second, a cover crop station led by Adam Lasch and Ross Bishop. Finally, a station showing the corn planter used in no-till and looking at the no-till stand of corn. This station was led by Anthony Beck. D. Cooke asked if we are tracking

the success promoted through the field days. C. Sampson said this year there were over 1000 acres newly planted to cover crops. M. Osterman stated that soil health, which includes the no-till and cover crop practice are being promoted nationwide. He continued to mention a success story from North Dakota where large weather events are being minimized due to the widespread use of soil health practices. M. Osterman said the soil pit had 12 inches of topsoil that has been built up over the years. M. Osterman also stated the healthy soil versus non-healthy soil in the beaker test clearly shows the benefits from a runoff standpoint. D. Cooke asked Supervisor Grove if he is participating in soil health practices. R. Grove stated he has had limited participation for the reason that Lake Michigan is near his farm and he feels he's already 4 to 5 days behind on planting due to location compared to the Waterford area. R. Grove also said there can be added weed pressure with all the rain that has occurred this year. T. Pringle motioned to receive and file, seconded by M. Osterman. Approved (2-0) by Youth in Governance and (7-0) by the Committee.

5. Update on Racine County projects installed in 2019. C. Sampson provided a handout with locations, project names and photos. C. Sampson gave a short summary of the projects as well as nutrient management acres, cover crop acres and CREP re-enrolls. A motion by T. Pringle to receive and file, seconded by M. Osterman. Approved (2-0) by the Youth in Governance and (7-0) by the Committee.

6. USDA Reports for Information only: C. Sampson discussed the County assisting the USDA NRCS with EQIP projects with the NRCS being very short staffed. The Farm Service Agency report states the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and Continuous Conservation Program are up and running. T. Pringle motioned to receive and file, seconded by M. Osterman. Approved (2-0) by the Youth in Governance and (7-0) by the Committee.

7. Other Business: None.

8. A motion by T. Pringle, seconded by M. Osterman to adjourn at 5:38 p.m. Approved (2-0) by the Youth in Governance and (7-0) by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Grove, Secretary
Land Conservation Committee

Chad Sampson, Recorder

**SECTION IV: COUNTY BUDGET/ FINANCIAL PLAN - REQUIRED BY ALL PARTIES
 RACINE COUNTY (COOPERATOR)
 2020**

COST ELEMENT	Price charged to Cooperator (Payable to APHIS WS)	Additional WDNR Funding Requested by Cooperator (county Reimbursed Directly from WDNR)	COST SHARED BY WS	FULL COST
Salaries (includes venison donation admin)	\$2,146.66		\$503.54	\$2,650.20
Abatement Materials	\$100.60			\$100.60
Mileage/Travel	\$88.35			\$88.35
Subtotal Direct Costs	\$2,335.61		\$503.54	\$2,839.15
Pooled Job Costs	\$256.92			\$256.92
Deer Donation Processing		\$0.00		\$0.00
County Administration		\$106.00		\$106.00
Indirect Costs (Administrative Overhead)	\$377.20			\$377.20
Permanent Fence		\$0.00		\$0.00
Agreement Total	\$2,969.73	\$106.00	\$503.54	\$3,579.27
The distribution of the budget (with the exception of the mandatory percentage line items) from this Financial Plan may vary as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this agreement, but may not exceed:				
	\$3,075.73			\$3,579.27

We expect to assist 1-5 growers with damage that may result in wildlife damage requests equaling or exceeding \$5,000 worth of claims.

Signatures of Intention:

COUNTY: _____ Date: _____

WDNR: _____ Date: _____

USDA-APHIS-WS: _____ Date: _____

RACINE COUNTY (COOPERATOR) 2020

COST ELEMENT	County Request	*County Administration included in County Salary request	USDA-WS FUNDING APPROVED	TOTAL FUNDING APPROVED
Salaries (includes County Admin.)	\$2,252.66	\$106.00	\$503.54	\$2,756.20
Abatement Materials	\$100.60			\$100.60
Mileage/Travel	\$345.27			\$345.27
Office Overhead	\$377.20			\$377.20
Venison Admin	\$0.00			\$0.00
Venison Processing	\$0.00			\$0.00
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2019 CROP PRICE PROPOSAL

_____ COUNTY

CROP	PRICE PROPOSED	If different than price proposed PRICE APPROVED
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HAY:

Alfalfa	\$204.27 / Ton	\$ _____
Alfalfa/Grass- mix	\$173.86 / Ton	\$ _____
Grass	\$155.53 / Ton	\$ _____

GRAINS:

Corn, Field	\$ 3.55/ Bushel	\$ _____
Oats	\$ 2.92 / Bushel	\$ _____
Soybeans	\$ 8.08 / Bushel	\$ _____
Triticale	\$ / Bushel	\$ _____
Wheat	\$ 4.20 / Bushel	\$ _____

Approved By _____ County:

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

90% of the crops have been harvested in _____ County – as of: _____

**USDA Farm Service Agency Report for the Racine County LCC
November 18, 2019**

UW Extension and FSA will be holding 2018 Farm Bill producer meetings on December 10th and 11th. The meetings on the 10th will be at the old courthouse in downtown Elkhorn, and the meetings on the 11th will be held at the Integrity Celebrations Center, 2789 S Browns Lake Dr, Burlington, WI 53105. The meetings in the morning will begin at 10:00 AM and the afternoon meetings will start at 1:00 PM. All four meetings will cover the same content, so producers can choose the date, time and venue that is most convenient for them. Leigh Presley will also have a presentation on the options producers will have if they have vomitoxin in their corn this year. Unfortunately, we have been hearing from are getting docked heavily or the elevator is refusing to take the corn if the levels are too high.

FSA will be holding a General CRP sign-up beginning on December 2nd. FSA will have statewide training November 19th through the 21st for the field staff employees. They have not yet announced how long the sign-up will last, nor what practices will be available to be offered. If it is like the last several General CRP sign-up's, the producers will be bidding against one another to get their land into CRP. In the past the offers with the highest points offered contracts – points were awarded for air, water and soil quality, and the largest factor was the per acre rental rate. Again, at this point we do not have any details, other than that the sign-up will begin on December 2nd.

Dairy producers have until December 13th to come into FSA to enroll in the 2020 Dairy Margin Coverage program. They can buy coverage to help offset low milk prices and/or high feed prices that kick in when the margin between the milk price and feed price fall below the selected level. Most dairy operations selected \$9.50 coverage in 2019.