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**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 20, 2020

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

Committee Members Excused: R. Grove, K. Buske

Youth in Governance Present: J. Janes

Youth in Governance Excused: V. Pulice

Staff Present: C. Sampson

Supervisor D. Cooke called the January 20, 2020 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 for the November 18, 2019 meeting. The motion was approved (1-0) by the Youth in Governance and (6-0) by the Committee.
2. Review, discussion, and possible approval of the WATERshed Program Resolution for the purpose of submitting with the NACD Grant. Nancy Carlson, WATERshed Program Director, was in attendance to explain the purpose of the program. Nancy stated the program is in its 12<sup>th</sup> year. The program brings the entire 4<sup>th</sup> grade class to an environmental education center to learn how their actions impact water quality in the Root River and Lake Michigan. They utilize hands on activities such as water quality testing, runoff pollution, and wetland infiltration. The program reinforces water literacy with 12<sup>th</sup> grade students to promote education and awareness of water quality. The WATERshed program partners with many communities and shareholders. The grant requested amount is \$19,480 for the program. Supervisor Hincz asked how many students were impacted. Nancy replied 1500 students utilize the program. Supervisor Osterman has seen the program first-hand and supports the comprehensive program being run by Nancy. M. Osterman motioned to support the resolution with two changes to the wording on the resolution. On line 13 change “the” to “developed” and on line 20 change “local” to “urban” to utilize terms in the spirit of the grant, seconded by T. Pringle. The motion was approved (1-0) by the Youth in Governance and (6-0) by the Committee to go for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on January 28<sup>th</sup>.
3. Review, discussion, and possible approval of the Adaptive Farms Resolution for the purpose of submitting with the NACD grant. Greg Grueneberg and Kevin Mutschler were in attendance to represent Adaptive Works/ Adaptive Farms. They have built a non-profit business to grow produce and retrofit the site to have disabled veterans be able to help with the operation. They are looking to have local farmers assist with supplying boxes for produce to be sold. This allows

for the food connection with the community. They've recently have planted grape vines for easier accessibility with the veterans. Adaptive Farms is also looking at improved a stormwater catchment for the purpose of utilizing that water for the plants. Adaptive Farms is trying to get things off the ground for the disable veterans to be able to assist with the process. The amount request is for \$50,000. M. Osterman stated the total amount available is about one million. Supervisor Roanhouse asked what the county's role is. C. Sampson stated the county needs to be the applicant and fiscal agent if the grant is received. T. Roanhouse asked what the County will be providing. C. Sampson stated the we will receive the grant, collect receipts and distribute grant reimbursements. T. Roanhouse asked who owns the property. Greg Grueneberg said the site is currently under a non-profit, but was initially his property. T. Greil asked how many veterans were in the group. Greg G. stated three paralyzed vets were founders of the group, although two of them have gone off to other parts of the country. Greg G. stated they are also working with the V.A. to increase and encourage participation. A motion by M. Osterman, seconded by T. Pringle to support the resolution. The motion was approved (1-0) by Youth in Governance and (6-0) by the Committee to go for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

4. Information only: An update on the Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County. T. Greil stated the Winter Workshop is scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup> at the 11-75 Sports Park and Eatery in Kansasville. T Greil stated the keynote speaker is Rep. Todd Novak, Chairman of the Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality. Rep. Novak will highlight the findings from their task force tour around the State.

T. Greil stated the next project is to find additional sponsors to support the WPCR. T. Greil asked the Committee to assist or suggest private businesses to be sponsors.

5. Information only: C. Sampson stated the registration is open for the annual WI Land & Water Conference. The event provides training as well as time for social networking. This year the conference is in Green Bay from March 4-6.
6. USDA Reports: C. Sampson stated that no federal reports were submitted, but the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) was now open and landowners can contact the USDA Farm Service Agency for more information.
7. Other Business: None presented.
8. A motion by T. Pringle, seconded by T. Roanhouse to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Approved (1-0) by Youth in Governance and (6-0) by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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T. Roanhouse, Vice Chairman  
Land Conservation Committee

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Chad Sampson, Recorder