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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, 5:00 p.m., April 19, 2021

SUMMARY MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Members Present: M. Osterman, T. Hincz, J. Eckman, M. Dawson, K. Kruse

Committee Members Excused: R. Grove, B. Nielsen, T. Greil

Youth in Governance Present: E. Anschutz

Youth in Governance Absent: C. Dieck

Staff Present: C. Sampson

Vice Chairman R. Grove took roll call and called the April 19, 2021 Racine County Land Conservation Committee meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

1. The minutes were not approved and laid over to the next meeting.
2. M. Osterman spoke about the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board and its responsibilities to approve Land and Water Resource Management Plans (LWRMP). M. Osterman explained the direction the Board is going is to include climate change and mitigation efforts to minimize the impacts of climate change. C. Sampson explained the timeline that comes with developing the new 10-year LWRM Plans. Racine County's draft plan is due on June 1, 2022. C. Sampson asked for volunteers for the Citizen Advisory Committee to assist with plan development. C. Sampson stated the Land Conservation Committee will be updated during each meeting. He said there will be approximately 5 meetings about an hour or two each to review drafted chapters and comment. The process will begin soon and the first meeting will likely be in July or August.

T. Hincz asked how this plan development came about. C. Sampson stated WI DATCP puts together the program rules to be eligible for the grant funding from the State. The Land and Water Resource Management Plans are the guidance and work plan for the Land Conservation staff.
3. C. Sampson played a video of the Standards Oversight Council (SOC).
4. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County update was given by C. Sampson. He stated the WPRC has secured a 4-year lease with Racine County for Case Eagle Park. The cropland will be used for research, field demonstrations and field days. Signs will be put up for the general public to view.

5. C. Sampson stated the tree program pick-up is tomorrow and Wednesday. There are 354 customers that ordered 38,000 trees. It is being conducted curbside pickup at the Racine County Fairgrounds. M. Osterman stated that he was going to assist with the pick on Tuesday afternoon and invited other Supervisors to assist or come to check out the program.
6. C. Sampson gave the Farm Service Agency report. The Conservation Reserve Program has a continuously open sign up. This is a set-aside program to allow cropland in environmentally sensitive areas to not be farmed.
7. M. Osterman gave a Wisconsin Land and Water update. The annual meeting had over 500 staff and supervisors attend at some point virtually. Monte said some of the sessions were outstanding and very informative. He suggested other supervisors attend in the future if possible.
8. Other business: M. Dawson asked about the salt study done in the past by SEWRPC. C. Sampson said he would see what he can find on the website and send it to M. Dawson.
9. A motion by T. Hincz / J. Eckman to adjourn. The motion was approved (1-0) by Youth in Governance and (5-0) by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Monte Osterman, Chairman
Land Conservation Committee

Chad Sampson, Recorder