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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., October 18, 2021

SUMMARY MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Members Present: M. Osterman, T. Hincz, R. Grove, M. Dawson, K. Kruse (dialed in).

Committee Members Excused: B. Nielsen, T. Greil, J. Eckman

Youth in Governance Present: E. Anschutz, C. Dieck

Staff Present: J. Grove

Chairman M. Osterman took roll call and called the October 18, 2021 Racine County Land Conservation Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. A motion by R. Grove, seconded by M. Dawson to approve the minutes from August 16, 2021. The motion was approved (2-0) by Youth in Governance and (5-0) by the Committee.
2. Josh Holden explained the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) budget. The budget uses the commodity State average on the crop prices, but since there were no claims this year, the price doesn't impact anyone in Racine County. T. Hincz asked why the budget is the so close to last years budget. Josh Holden explained that it is just his operating services. A motion by R. Grove / M. Dawson to approve the WDACP Budget. The motion was approved (2-0) by Youth in Governance and (5-0) by the Committee.
3. Josh Holden explained the crop price proposal. R. Grove said the crop prices are fair relative to the current market. The next item was to determine the 90% harvest date. M. Osterman asked R. Grove for his expert opinion on when 90% of the crop harvest is completed. R. Grove stated around November 15. A motion by R. Grove / T. Hincz to approve the crop price proposal. The motion was approved (2-0) by Youth in Governance and (5-0) by the Committee.
4. M. Osterman stated the next item is approving the transfer of \$20,000 in SWRM bond funds from Milwaukee County to Racine County. J. Grove stated that Racine County is always searching for more bond funding from other counties. T. Hincz asked if the bond funding needs to be used by the end of 2021. J. Grove stated "no" it can be extended to 2022 if not used in 2021. M. Osterman asked if there is a target project for this bond funding, J. Grove stated it will be utilized on two water & sediment control basin projects. A motion by T. Hincz / R. Grove to approve the transfers. The motion was approved (2-0) by Youth in Governance and (5-0) by the Committee.
5. M. Osterman stated the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Land and Water Resource Management Plan revision has met twice, with the last meeting on October 13th. M. Osterman

continued to state what has happened at the first two Citizen's Advisory Committee meetings regarding timeline, plan outline, and planning process.

J. Grove discussed briefly which chapters are being revised.

M. Osterman asked the Committee if they wanted to see anything addressed beyond what was in the survey. R. Grove asked if the Lake Michigan bluff erosion is being addressed. E. Anschutz asked if aquatic invasive species are being addressed. M. Osterman said both items were on the survey and are priorities in the plan.

6. M. Osterman gave an overview of the Summer Field Day at Case Eagle Park and stated it was a huge success with more attendees than ever before.

J. Grove gave an update on the Watershed Protection Committee and the current status of the demonstration plots at Case Eagle Park.

M. Dawson said the Summer Field Day was outstanding, and he thought the soil pit was interesting to see the different soil layers. R. Grove asked if the state, other agencies, and other groups around the state are watching and learning what the Watershed Protection Committee is doing in Racine County. M. Osterman said the WPCR are collaborators with other groups.

7. J. Grove gave an overview of constructed conservation projects completed thus far this year. Some general discussion about erosion and farming practices by M. Osterman and R. Grove. T. Hincz asked if there are any shoreline erosion projects coming up around Tichigan and Waterford. J. Grove stated there is one that is set to be installed soon on Tichigan Lake and one more to be completed after the first of the year. There are also around 20 shoreline projects waiting for funding.
8. The Farm Service Agency report was distributed. J. Grove said the Conservation Reserve Program is currently in a new signup period and that the soil rental rates have gone up slightly since the last signup.
9. Other business: Discussion on next meeting date, bimonthly meetings, selected December 20th pending if there is an EDLUP committee meeting.
10. A motion by R. Grove / M. Dawson to adjourn at 5:37 p.m. The motion was approved (2-0) by Youth in Governance and (5-0) by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Monte Osterman, Chairman
Land Conservation Committee

Jonathan Grove, Recorder