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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., May 16, 2022

SUMMARY MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Members Present: M. Osterman, T. Hincz, J. Eckman, T. Wishau, O. White,
T. Rutkowski, T. Greil

Committee Members Excused: R. Grove

Youth in Governance Excused: Charles Letsch, Rabeka Liberto

Staff Present: C. Sampson

1. Chairman M. Osterman took roll call and called the May 16, 2022, Racine County Land Conservation Committee meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.
2. A motion by J. Eckman, seconded by T. Hincz to approve the minutes from April 18, 2022. The motion was approved (7-0) by the Committee.
3. M. Osterman used a power point presentation to give an overview of the history of the creation of Land Conservation Departments in Wisconsin. T. Greil stated that in the last ten years, it has been shown soil health and regenerative agriculture is the solution to agricultural erosion. T. Rutkowski asked what percentage of work was done in the water vs soil erosion control on the land. C. Sampson stated a majority of the work is done on the land to prevent erosion and sediment from getting into the lakes and streams, thus improving water quality. O. White asked if the LCC was involved in the improvements at North Beach. C. Sampson said the City of Racine specifically has done programs to improve North Beach and the LCC was not involved but is aware of the project. J. Eckman shared a photo of Reefpoint Marina showing the sediment flowing from the Root River out into Lake Michigan. M. Osterman played a video about Chapter 92 describing the LCC and LCD responsibilities.
4. T. Hincz motioned to nominate M. Osterman as the SE Area LCC Representative for WI Land and Water, seconded by T. Rutkowski. The Committee voted unanimously (7-0) to have M. Osterman represent the SE Area on the WI Land and Water Conservation Association Board.
5. M. Osterman gave a brief NACD update. M. Osterman explained that he represents Wisconsin at the NACD meetings. He continued to say there is a full policy review committee looking into items for the next Farm Bill.
6. M. Osterman said the Land and Water Resources Management Draft Plan is completed and available online and as a hard copy. C. Sampson stated that we are still awaiting comments from

(approved by committee on June 6, 2022)

WI DNR and WI DATCP to include into the plan. Once the comments are received the LCC and EDLUP will approve the plan and forward to the County Board for approval in August. The final plan will be presented at the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board meeting on October 4, 2022.

7. T. Greil said the summer field day will be held at Case Eagle Park on September 8 or 9. He said there are research plots that will be shown as well as pollinator strips and other exhibits.
8. A motion by T. Hincz / J. Eckman to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. The motion was approved (7-0) by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Monte Osterman, Chairman
Land Conservation Committee

Chad Sampson, Recorder