

RACINE COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION

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RACINE COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Also Known As A Subcommittee of
THE RACINE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE PLANNING
COMMITTEE

Ives Grove Auditorium – 14200 Washington Avenue
Monday, 6:00 p.m., July 15, 2024

SUMMARY MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Members Present: R. Grove, G. Horeth, T. Greil, J. Spencer

Committee Members Excused: M. Osterman, T. Wishau

Youth in Governance Present: S. Szabo

Youth in Governance Excused: E. Hansing

Staff Present: C. Sampson, K. Palomares

1. Vice Chairman Grove took roll call and called the July 15, 2024, Racine County Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.
2. A motion by G. Horeth, seconded by T. Greil to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2024 meeting as presented. The motion was approved (4/0) by the Committee.
3. C. Sampson played two webinars about WI Land & Water as part of an educational piece for Land Conservation Committee members.
4. C. Sampson gave an update on WI Land and Water. The organization is currently setting priorities for the upcoming three years (2025-2027).

C. Sampson stated the County Conservationist meeting will be on October 17, 18 in Steven's Point. Supervisors are encouraged to attend.

C. Sampson gave an NACD update and stated that Racine County has not heard back from it's initial grant request.

C. Sampson said the annual NACD Conference is being held in Milwaukee next summer.

5. C. Sampson stated the SEWRPC has completed draft chapters 3 through 5 and they are currently being reviewed by staff at SEWRPC and Racine County. The Chapters

will be released in July or August. This will be followed by a public participation meeting and then final approval by the Farmland Preservation Planning Advisory Committee.

6. There was currently no update on construction projects. A full update will be given at the next meeting.
7. T. Greil stated that the Summer Field Day will be held on Thursday, September 12th at Case Eagle Park. T. Greil continued to say they are finalizing speakers for the Field Day. T. Greil also stated the group is planning on watching "Common Ground" at the Golden Rondelle in February, followed by a panel discussion with the Producer Led Group.
8. G. Horeth stated that due to the wet year, there are currently high water levels, but they will continually keep records on the water levels.
9. C. Sampson stated the EDLUP Committee just approved a 9 month moratorium on Solar Utilities. He stated that the County is anticipating a 30 to 60 day time frame to complete the Solar Utility Ordinance and having the moratorium lifted at that time.

C. Sampson asked some colleagues about the worst case environmental scenarios with Solar Utilities. In one case, a PCS site over in Grant County had tons of soil runoff due to the site not being established with enough grass. C. Sampson stated the Dane County requires all sites to be established with grass before construction begins. This will be included in Racine County's ordinance.
10. The SE Area Land & Water Conservation Meeting will take place on September 24th in Walworth County. More details will be made available as they come out.
11. G. Horeth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.