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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., September 16, 2024

SUMMARY MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Members Present: M. Osterman, T. Greil, J. Spencer, T. Wishau

Committee Members Excused: G. Horeth, R. Grove

Youth in Governance Excused: E. Hansing, S. Szabo

Staff Present: C. Sampson

1. Chairman M. Osterman took roll call and called the September 16, 2024, Racine County Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.
2. A motion by T. Wishau, seconded by J. Spencer to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2024, meeting as presented. The motion was approved (4/0) by the Committee.
3. M. Osterman discussed the successful grant application for NACD's Urban Agriculture and Community Conservation Grant at the Racine County Youth Development & Care Center Micro-Nursery. The grant will be used to plan and develop and educational program for youth to plant a micro-garden as well as plant and harvest pollinator habitat. T. Wishau motioned to approve the MOA between NACD and Racine County, seconded by J. Spencer. The motion was approved (4/0) by the Committee.
4. M. Osterman said Root Pike WIN is going to help with the planning and educational portion of the Urban Agriculture and Community Conservation Grant at the Racine County Youth Development & Care Center Micro-Nursery. M. Osterman stated the MOU between Root Pike WIN and Racine County spells out the expectations and responsibilities of everyone involved. T. Wishau motioned to approve the MOU as written, seconded by J. Spencer. The motion was approved (4/0) by the Committee.

5. C. Sampson stated that the final draft Chapters of the Farmland Preservation Plan are written and being reviewed. There will be a Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee meeting within the next few weeks.
6. C. Sampson used some statistics to compare Racine County's activity compared to other County's in Southeast Wisconsin. The comparison was between the WI DATCP cost share program, the tree program, the Fox River Commission program and staff salaries.
7. C. Sampson indicated the Field Day was last week Thursday and went smoothly. There were over 80 people in attendance at the Field Day. Rick Bieber was the keynote speaker and very knowledgeable.

T. Greil stated the Winter Workshop is going to be in February at the Cotton Exchange and Ray Archuleta is the keynote speaker.
8. C. Sampson said there was no update on the Waukesha Water Diversion.
9. C. Sampson stated the Solar Farm draft ordinance may be available as early as next week.
10. September 24th is the date for the SE Area Land & Water Conservation Tour in Walworth County. There will be short SE Area meeting after lunch.
11. T. Wishau moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.