

Department of Land Services
JOINT MEETING – LCC & Zoning Committees
May 6, 2025, 8:30 AM

Present: Bob Rogers, Randy Cook, Kirstin Huth, Audrey Kusilek, Fran Langman, Dennis Jenkins, Marv Thompson, Gary Nelson, Jim Gores, Jeff French, David Gifford, Tyler Gruetzmacher, Justin Everson, Pat Brown, Marshall Black, Lori Baltrusis, Missy Bablick, Rhonda Sukys and Kim Collins.
Absent: McCready.

Cook called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. No public comment. He called for approval of the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. **Motion:** (Kusilek/Nelson) to approve to agenda and the minutes of August 21, 2023; carried.

Item #4. Staff Reports: UWEX – Bablick provided an update of her parenting and financial coaching classes, discussing the great feedback received from participants. Baltrusis announced the hiring of a new educator for nutrient and pest management, who will have office hours at the campus location.

NRCS – N/A

FSA – N/A

SWCD – Staff discussed a new grazing operation (Gruetzmacher), the success of the native plant sale, a Clean Boats, Clean Waters training (Brown), the annual tree sale and FPP status reviews (Everson).

Executive Committee – French stated the agenda includes the resolution to be voted on today, health insurance information and Senate Bill 181.

Fair Board – French stated the Donut Dash will occur.

Item #5. Resolution: Support for Increasing Base Funding for County Conservation Staffing – **(for Ext-LCC Members only)**: Cook called for a motion. **Motion:** (Nelson/Kusilek) to approve the resolution and forward to Executive Committee; carried 6-0.

Item #6. Farmland Preservation Plan Update – Gruetzmacher discussed the need for the 10-year update and Sukys presented the overview of plan requirements. Discussed were the housing density standards in the Exclusive Ag district and the success of the Ag Covenant procedure. Baltrusis requested a change to add the UW Educator positions. Committee consensus was to add the SWCD cover crop and no-till program efforts to the plan.

Gruetzmacher announced that the West Central Summer Tour will be held June 25th.

Next meeting date will be June 16, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for a public informational meeting for the FPP update.

Motion: (Rogers) to adjourn meeting 9:25 a.m.; chair declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Russell-Collins
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