

Pierce County Land Conservation Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 21, 2017 8:30 a.m.

**Pierce County Office Building Lower Level Meeting Room
412 West Kinne Street, Ellsworth, WI 54011**

LCC Members Present: Greg Andrews, Dale Auckland, Dean Bergseng, Paul Fetzer, Jerry Kosin, LeRoy Peterson
Staff Present: Rod Webb, Jon Krauss, Debra Larson **USDA NRCS:** Mark Biel

Public Comment: The Land Conservation Committee will receive public comments at this time on any issue not on the regular agenda. Discussion by committee members may take place, but no action will be taken on any item raised. Dean Bergseng provided a report on the Wisconsin Farmer Led Conference.

Call to order. Jerry Kosin, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Adopt Agenda. Paul Fetzer moved to adopt the agenda. Dale Auckland seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Approve November 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes. LeRoy Peterson moved to approve the minutes. Dean Bergseng seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Travel/Training Requests. Rod presented a request for Dan Sitz and any LCC members to attend the WI Land + Water Annual Conference at Lake Geneva March 14-16 2018. Full conference registration is \$285. The state rate single hotel room is \$89 per night. Greg Andrews moved to approve. Paul Fetzer seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Conservation Compliance Certificates. Jon Krauss presented a Certificate of Compliance for Michael D Miller and Susan E Goode noting that Miller and Goode have met the compliance requirements per program rules. Dean Bergseng moved to approve the certificate as presented . LeRoy Peterson seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Farmland Preservation Agreement applications for the North-West Pierce County AEA . Rod Webb presented the Miller-Goode Farmland Preservation for review and approval noting the land offered within the application falls within the NW AEA area and also meets requirements of the program. Dale Auckland moved to approve. Paul seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Participate in Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources- Phosphorus Multi-Discharger Variance Program. Rod Webb provided a detailed explanation about the Phosphorus Multi-Discharger Variance Program and presented a request to participate in the Phosphorus Multi-Discharger Variance Program Rod reported Ellsworth Creamery will be participating in this program. Paul Fetzer moved to approved that the Land Conservation Department participate in the WI DNR M-DV program with the stipulation to target projects to the Isabelle Creek Watershed alone. Dale Auckland seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Review 2017 LWRM Priorities and Accomplishments. Rod Webb reviewed 2017 LWRM accomplishments with LCC. Rod provided a list of planned activities and indicated accomplishments have exceeded the planned benchmarks. He also noted cropland protection as the top priority and water quality protection ranking high.

Department Updates. Rod Webb reported he will be requesting an extension of funding to WI DATCP and to The McKnight Foundation to extend 2017 funding to 2018 for Farmer Led projects, Rod informed LCC members he will provide an Annual Accomplishments Report to WI DATC; that the Pierce Speaking Contest is scheduled for Monday, January 29th and that staff has conducting field surveys for 2018 construction.

USDA-NRCS Report. Mark Biel provided a 2017 CSP payments are being awarded, the first batching of EQIP practices are being offered funding and that 2018 is the last year to receive MRBI funding. He also noted an Office Area Clerk position was approved for the Ellsworth Field Office for the 2018 fiscal year. Finally Mark reported on the cover crop process and progress in the county.

Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items. Cost share requests and ranking criteria discussion

Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time. 8:30 a.m., Thursday, January 25, 2017, LL PCOB Conference Room

Adjournment. LeRoy Peterson moved to adjourn. Dean Bergseng seconded. Motion carried with all in favor. Meeting adjourned 9:39 a.m.

Mission Statement

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1.	Call to order	Jerry Kosin, Chair
2.	Adopt Agenda	Jerry Kosin, Chair
3.	Approve November 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes	Jerry Kosin, Chair
4.	Discuss/Take Action to Approve Travel/Training Requests 1. Wisconsin Land + Water Annual Training Conference	Rod Webb
5.	Discuss/Take Action to Approve Conservation Compliance Certificates	Jon Krauss
6.	Discuss/Take Action to Approve Farmland Preservation Agreement applications for the North-West Pierce County AEA	Rod Webb
7.	Discuss/Take Action to Participate in Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources- Phosphorus Multi-Discharger Variance Program	Rod Webb
8.	Review 2017 LWRM Priorities and Accomplishments	Rod Webb
9.	Department Updates	Rod Webb
10.	USDA-NRCS Report	Mark Biel
11.	Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items	Jerry Kosin, Chair
12.	Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time	Jerry Kosin, Chair
13.	Adjournment	Jerry Kosin, Chair
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Pierce County Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:00 a.m.

Pierce County Highway Department Conference Room, 621 Cairns Street, Ellsworth, WI 54011

LCC Members Present: Greg Andrews, Dale Auckland, Dean Bergseng, Jerry Kosin, LeRoy Peterson **Excused:** Paul Fetzer

Staff Present: Rod Webb, Jon Krauss, Debra Larson

Public Comment: Rod presented an anonymous letter he received addressing policy on little farms required to dispose of silage bags via dumpster vs. big farms that are not required to dispose of properly. Anonymous author stated Pierce County was in the hands of big corporate farmers. Jerry Kosin, Chair, recommended the author call the recycling center.

Call to order. Jerry Kosin, Chair, called meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Adopt Agenda. Dale Auckland moved to approve to agenda as printed. LeRoy Peterson seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Approve September 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes. LeRoy Peterson moved to approve the meeting minutes as printed. Dale Auckland seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action on Cost Share Requests. Rod Webb presented an application for DATCP Nutrient Management SEG Funds from Timothy Jennings of Clifton Township. LeRoy Peterson moved to approve the cost share request as presented. Greg Andrews seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action on Travel/Training Requests. Rod Webb presented a request for Dan Sitz to travel to WI Dells, on December 13th, for the South Kinni Watershed Group. Rod noted the Producer Led Watershed Group will pay room and board. Dale Auckland moved to approve. LeRoy seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Conservation Compliance Certificates for Farmland Preservation Program. Jon Krauss presented four compliance certificates for consideration for either the Farmland Preservation Program or for the NW AEA Farmland Preservation District: Peterson Family Real Estate; Roger E and Beverly E Peterson; Bradley J and Kelsey S Peterson in River Falls Township and Prescott Bergh in Martell Township. Jon reported compliance checks have been completed for all applicants; they are farming at tolerable soil levels and are following nutrient management plans as required. Dean Bergseng moved to approve. Greg Andrews seconded. Leroy Peterson abstained. Motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Farmland Preservation Agreement Applications for the North-West Pierce County AEA. Rod Webb presented a request to approve Prescott Bergh application for the NW Pierce County AEA for 107 acres. LeRoy Peterson moved to approve. Dale Auckland seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to delay implementation of the Revised NRCS 313 Standard into the Pierce County Waste Storage Ordinance. Rod reviewed the revised NRCS 313 Standard with LCC members and recommended implementation be delayed until all new standard specifications are determined. Rod also recommended the committee review the Pierce County Waste Storage Ordinance and make any other necessary updates as well. Dean Bergseng moved to delay implementation of the revised NRCS 313 Standard into the Pierce County Waste Storage Ordinance. LeRoy seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Director's Report. Department Updates. Rod Webb reported the Bay City Structure has not been repaired due to inclement weather.

Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items. 2017 Annual Accomplishments Report, Kiap Tu Wish/DNR Meeting Update

Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time. Thursday, December 21 Lower Level Meeting room at 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment. Leroy Peterson moved to adjourn Dale Auckland seconded. Motion carried all in favor.

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3	Approve September 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes	Jerry Kosin, Chair
4	Discuss/Take Action on Cost Share Requests	Rod Webb
5	Discuss/Take Action on Travel/Training Requests	Rod Webb
6	Discuss/Take Action to Approve Conservation Compliance Certificates for Farmland Preservation Program	Jon Krauss
7	Discuss/Take Action to Approve Farmland Preservation Agreement Applications for the North-West Pierce County AEA	Rod Webb
8	Discuss/Take Action to delay implementation of the Revised NRCS 313 Standard into the Pierce County Waste Storage Ordinance	Rod Webb
9	Director's Report 1. Department Updates	Rod Webb
10	USDA-NRCS Report 1. CSP Updates 2. EQIP Updates	Mark Biel
11	Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items	Jerry Kosin, Chair
12	Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time	Jerry Kosin, Chair
13	Adjournment	Jerry Kosin, Chair
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Pierce County Land Conservation Special Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Pierce County Office Building Lower Level Meeting Room

412 West Kinne Street, Ellsworth, WI 54011

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1.	Call to order	Jerry Kosin, Chair
2.	Adopt Agenda	Jerry Kosin, Chair
3.	Discuss/Take Action to provide feedback to the County Board regarding amending the Land Conservation 2018 Budget, to transfer money from Land Conservation to the Extension budget in the sum of up to \$25,000 to apply towards the funding of an Agriculture Agent position.	Jerry Kosin, Chair
9.	Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time	Jerry Kosin, Chair
10.	Adjournment	Jerry Kosin, Chair
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Pierce County Land Conservation Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 26, 2017 8:30 a.m.

Pierce County Office Building Lower Level Meeting Room

412 West Kinne Street, Ellsworth, WI 54011

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1.	Call to order	Jerry Kosin, Chair
2.	Adopt Agenda	Jerry Kosin, Chair
3.	Approve September 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes	Jerry Kosin, Chair
4.	Discuss/Take Action to Approve Travel/Training Requests	Rod Webb
5.	Discuss/Take Action to Approve Cost Share Requests	Rod Webb
6.	USDA-NRCS Report	Mark Biel
7.	Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items	Jerry Kosin, Chair
8.	Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time Thursday, Nov 16, 2017, 10 a.m., Highway Conference Room Thursday, Dec 21, 2017, 10 a.m., Highway Conference Room	Jerry Kosin, Chair
9.	Adjournment	Jerry Kosin, Chair
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Pierce County Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 28, 2017 8:30 a.m.,

Pierce County Office Building Lower Level Meeting Room

412 West Kinne Street, Ellsworth, WI 54011

Public Comment: Aaron Moore & Angela Hannegraf, Pierce County USDA Farm Service Agency staff introduced themselves. Dean Bergseng commended LCD staff on recent conservation work completed at Brian & Brooke Bergseng farm.

LCC Members Present: Dale Auckland, Dean Bergseng, Paul Fetzer, Jerry Kosin, LeRoy Peterson

LCD/NRCS Staff Present: Rod Webb, Mark Biel

Call to order. Jerry Kosin, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Adopt Agenda. Paul Fetzer moved to adopt the agenda as printed. Dale Auckland seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Approve August 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes. LeRoy Peterson moved to approve as printed. Dean Bergseng seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Travel/Training Requests. Rod Webb presented a request to travel to Wisconsin Rapids for a County Conservationist meeting on November 30th-December 1st. Dale Auckland moved to approve, Dean Bergseng seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Cost Share Requests. Paul Fetzer moved to approve the cost share requests as presented. Dean Bergseng seconded.. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Farmland Preservation Agreement applications for the North-West Pierce County AEA. Rod Webb presented Farmland Preservation Agreement applications for Charles & Linda Morrow, Tim & Carolyn Jennings, John & Rebecca Huppert, Peterson Family Real Estate LLC, Roger & Beverly Peterson and Brad & Kelsey Peterson. Dean Bergseng moved to approve Morrow, Jennings & Huppert, conditionally approve Peterson family Real Estate, Roger & Beverly Peterson and Brad & Kelsey Peterson pending completion of conservation compliance certificates. Dale Auckland seconded. Motion carried with all in favor, LeRoy Peterson abstained.

Department Updates. Rod Webb reported that he and Larry Gruber met with Fitzgerald Excavating at Bay City structure #1, to review pipe separation repair project. Project should be completed soon

USDA-NRCS Report. Mark Biel reviewed EQIP program funding allocated to Pierce County landowners in fiscal year 2017. Additional MRBI funding will be available for 2018 fiscal year, which is the last year of this special watershed based project.

Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items. Ag enterprise area applications.

Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time. Pierce County Highway Office Meeting Room October 19, 2017, 10:00 am

Adjournment. LeRoy Peterson moved to adjourn. Paul Fetzer seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:53 a.m.

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1.	Call to order	Jerry Kosin, Chair
2.	Adopt Agenda	Jerry Kosin, Chair
3.	Approve August 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes	Jerry Kosin, Chair
4.	Discuss/Take Action to Approve Travel/Training Requests	Rod Webb
5.	Discuss/Take Action to Approve Cost Share Requests	Rod Webb
6.	Discuss/Take Action to Approve Farmland Preservation Agreement applications for the North-West Pierce County AEA	Rod Webb
7.	Department Updates 1. PI-566 Repairs & Maintenance	Rod Webb
8.	USDA-NRCS Report	Mark Biel
9.	Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items	Jerry Kosin, Chair
10.	Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time	Jerry Kosin, Chair
11.	Adjournment	Jerry Kosin, Chair
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Public Comment: None presented.

LCC Members Present: Greg Andrews, Dale Auckland, Dean Bergseng, Paul Fetzer, Jerry Kosin, LeRoy Peterson

LCD/NRCS Staff Present: Rod Webb, Debra Larson

Call to order. Jerry Kosin, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Adopt Agenda. Dean Bergseng moved to adopt the agenda as printed. LeRoy Peterson seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Approve June 22, 2017 Meeting Minutes. LeRoy Peterson moved to approve as printed. Dean Bergseng seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Travel/Training Requests. Rod Webb presented a request to travel to Eau Claire for a DATCP nutrient management meeting Tuesday, August 29. Greg Andrews moved to approve, Dale Auckland seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Cost Share Requests. LeRoy Peterson moved to approve the cost share requests as presented. Paul Fetzer seconded. Dean Bergseng and Dale Auckland abstained. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Farmland Preservation Agreement applications for the North-West Pierce County AEA. Rod Webb presented a request to approve Thomas and Maxine Sitz's application for 596.2 acres; Rod noted that the Sitz's conservation compliance certificate is in place and a nutrient management plan is turned in annually. Dale Auckland moved to approve. LeRoy Peterson seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve 2018 Budgets for Land Conservation, PL566, Wildlife Damage, & Fish & Game. Rod Webb reviewed each budget category in the 2018 LCD Budget Summary with LCC Members. Rod discussed the new category for the Multi Discharge Variance. Paul Fetzer moved to approve the 2018 budget as presented. Dean Bergseng seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Review 2017 Transect Survey Results. Rod Webb presented the survey results for LCC members to review and discuss.

Department Updates. Rod Webb reported conservation practice installation will pick up considerably this fall.

USDA-NRCS Report. Mark Biel was not present to provide a report. Greg Andrews reported on behalf of USDA FSA that candidates for the Ellsworth FO FSA CED position and an announcement should be forthcoming.

Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items. Ag enterprise area applications.

Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time. September 28, 2017

Adjournment. 8:47: LeRoy Peterson moved to adjourn. Dean Bergseng seconded. Meeting adjourned 9:47 a.m.

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Thursday, August 24, 2017 8:30 a.m.

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3.	Approve June 22, 2017 Meeting Minutes	Jerry Kosin, Chair
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**Pierce County Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Thursday July 27, 2017

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1	Call to order	Chair
2	Adopt agenda	Chair
3	Approval of June 22, 2017 meeting minutes	Chair
4	Department Updates:	Rod Webb
5	Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items	Chair
6	Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time	Chair
7	Adjournment	Chair

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CANCELLED DUE TO INSUFFICIENT AGENDA ITEMS

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<p>Public Comment: Greg Andrews noted he had received calls from Brian Berg of Trenton Township and Don Manore of Hartland Township in regards to continued road maintenance caused by soil erosion from cropland. Rod noted he had been contacted by a Salem Township resident in regards to the same matter.</p>
<p>LCC Members Present: Greg Andrews, Dale Auckland, Paul Fetzer, Jerry Kosin, LeRoy Peterson Absent: Dean Bergseng LCD/NRCS Staff Present: Rod Webb, Debra Larson</p>
<p>Call to order. Jerry Kosin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.</p>
<p>Adopt Agenda. Dale Auckland moved to approve, Paul Fetzer seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.</p>
<p>Approve May 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes. LeRoy Peterson moved to approve, Greg Andrews seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.</p>
<p>Discuss/Take Action to Approve Travel/Training Requests. Rod Webb presented a request to attend the County Conservationist Meeting in Wisconsin Rapids July 13th to July 14th as well as to attend the Basic Ag for Conservationist Training in Steven's Point July 20th to assist with training new employees. Greg Andrews moved to approve the training requests. Dale Auckland seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.</p>
<p>Discuss/Take Action to Approve Cost Share Requests. Rod Webb presented four cost share requests: a well abandonment for June K Bosley; and waterway systems for Byron Anderson; Howard Larson and Jim Fetzer. Paul Fetzer moved to approve, LeRoy Peterson seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.</p>
<p>Discuss/Take Action to approve Farmland Preservation Agreement applications for the North-West Pierce County AEA . Rod Webb presented FP applications from Don Rodewald and Dan Sitz for the Town of River Falls AEA. Rod reported that the applications meet the requirements of the program and have received Compliance Certification from Soil Conservationist, Jon Krauss. Paul Fetzer moved to approve, LeRoy Peterson seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.</p>
<p>Department Updates: Rod reported the Transect Survey has been completed, for the year, noting approximately 10% of the 764 points in the survey were determined to be above the tolerable soil loss value. Efforts are underway to contact the operators to inform and educate. Rod also reported conservation practice construction continues.</p>
<p>Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items. Transect Survey Graphs, Department Budget Proposal.</p>
<p>Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time. Thursday, July 27, August 24th</p>
<p>Adjournment. Paul Fetzer moved to adjourn. Greg Andrews seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.</p>

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2.	Adopt Agenda	Jerry Kosin, Chair
3.	Approve May 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes	Jerry Kosin, Chair
4.	Discuss/Take Action to Approve Travel/Training Requests	Rod Webb
5.	Discuss/Take Action to Approve Cost Share Requests	Rod Webb
6.	Discuss/Take Action to approve Farmland Preservation Agreement applications for the North-West Pierce County AEA	Rod Webb
7.	Department Updates:	Rod Webb
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Public Comment: Greg Andrews complimented LCD and NRCS for efforts to protect natural resources and invited Mark and Rod to attend the next FSA Committee Meeting to discuss conservation plan compliance.

LCC Members Present: Greg Andrews, Dean Bergseng, Paul Fetzer, Jerry Kosin, LeRoy Peterson

LCD/NRCS Staff Present: Rod Webb, Debra Larson, Mark Biel, Josh Sherman

OTHERS: JoAnn Miller

Call to order. Jerry Kosin, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Adopt Agenda. Dean Bergseng moved to approve. LeRoy Peterson seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Approve March 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes. LeRoy Peterson moved to approve. Paul Fetzer seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Cost Share Requests. Rod presented cost share requests before LCC Members for review and approval. LeRoy Peterson moved to approve. Paul Fetzer seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Modify Land Conservation Office Hours. Rod Webb and JoAnn Miller provided background, information regarding current personnel policy and the reasons for the request to modify office hours. Dean Bergseng moved to forward a recommendation to Finance and Personnel Committee to change the official county normal business hours, as published in the Personnel Policy, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., to 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Greg Andrews seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve 2017 Soil & Water Resource Management Grant Contract from DATCP. Rod Webb reported, here forward, DATCP will send a Schedule of Awards to counties as part of a Master Contract which will no longer be re-written every year as was the custom. He reported Pierce County was awarded a Staffing Grant of \$126,417 and Cost Share Assistance of \$106,640.24 totaling \$233,057.24. LeRoy Peterson moved to approve. Dean Bergseng seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

NRCS Program Report: Introduction of Assistant State Conservationist of Field Operations, Josh Sherman. Mark Biel introduced Josh Sherman to LCC Members. Josh Sherman commented on the effectiveness and efficiencies of agency cooperation in Pierce County. He also noted he supports conservation in a "systems-approach" manner. He thanked LCC Members for their support and invited continued input. **NRCS Program Updates.** Mark Biel reported staff is reviewing EQIP contract eligibility requirements and processing payments. He also reported the third MRBI batching period cutoff as June 2, further noting that the first two periods have contracted approximately \$630,000 already. Additionally, staff is reviewing applications for new CSP contracts and preparing to contact participants that are eligible to renew expiring contracts.

Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items. Ag Area Enterprise Farmland Preservation Applications

Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time. June 22, PCOB LL Meeting Room 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment. LeRoy Peterson moved to adjourn. Paul Fetzer seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

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5.	Discuss/Take Action to Modify Land Conservation Office Hours	Rod Webb
6.	Discuss/Take Action to Approve 2017 Soil & Water Resource Management Grant Contract from DATCP	Rod Webb
7.	Department Updates: 1. Nugget Lake PL-566 Inspection 2. Conservation Practice Installation Progress	Rod Webb
8.	NRCS Program Report: 1.Introduction of Assistant State Conservationist of Field Operation Josh Sherman 2.Program Updates	Mark Biel
9.	Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items	Jerry Kosin, Chair
10.	Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time	Jerry Kosin, Chair
11.	Adjournment	Jerry Kosin, Chair
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**Pierce County Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Thursday April 27, 2017

**Pierce County Office Building, LL Meeting Room
412 West Kinne Street Ellsworth, WI 54011**

#	Action	Presenter
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1	Call to order	Chair
2	Adopt agenda	Chair
3	Approval of January 26, 2017 meeting minutes	Chair
4	Department Updates:	Rod Webb
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6	Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time	Chair
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CANCELLED DUE TO INSUFFICIENT AGENDA ITEMS

Pierce County Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 23, 2017 8:30 a.m.

Pierce County Office Building, Lower Level Meeting Room, 412 West Kinne Street Ellsworth, WI 54011

LCC Members Present: Greg Andrews, Dean Bergsens, Paul Fetzer, Jerry Kosin, LeRoy Peterson **Absent:** Dale Auckland

LCD/NRCS Staff Present: Rod Webb, Mark Biel, Jon Krauss, Debra Larson **Others:** Andy Pichotta

Public Comment: None presented.

Call to order. Jerry Kosin, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Adopt Agenda. LeRoy Peterson moved to adopt the agenda. Paul Fetzer seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Approve January 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Dean Bergsens moved to approve the meeting minutes. Greg Andrews seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action on Travel/Training Requests. Rod presented requests to attend an Invasive Species Control Meeting in Menomonie March 23rd, and a St. Croix TMDL Implementation Team meeting in Baldwin March 24th. Paul Fetzer moved to approve travel training requests. Dean Bergsens seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action on 2018 DATCP Soil & Water Resource Management Grant Application. Rod presented staffing grant requests for 2018 for \$255,635; Cost share bond funds for \$100,000 and Nutrient Management SEG funds for \$30,000. Rod reported he will not be applying for any NPS TRM grant money at this time. Paul Fetzer moved to approve the grant application request as presented. LeRoy seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action on Cost Share Requests. Rod Webb presented cost share requests for conservation practices for Paul Churchill, Huppert Investments, Peter Hanson, Mike Hildebrandt (Mike Buss), Nils Rahm and James Reeser. LeRoy Peterson moved to approve. Paul Fetzer seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Conservation Compliance Certificates for Farmland Preservation Program. Jon Krauss presented two Certificate of Compliance with Soil and Water Conservation Standards for review—The Huppert Family Trust and Donald T Rodewald. Jon noted he has conducted a site visit, he determined soil losses are within the tolerable range and he has received a nutrient management plan for both parties. Paul Fetzer moved to approve. Jerry Kosin seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Director's Report. Rod Webb Department of Natural Resources – Multi-Discharger Phosphorus Variance and Nutrient Trading Program. Rod explained the multi-discharger phosphorus variance Program that is now an option for point source dischargers with WPDES permits. Rod has been discussing this program with Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery. The program allows the discharger to pay fees which would be used to cost share phosphorus reducing conservation practices on private lands. Some of the fees can also go towards LCD staff costs. In other updates, Rod invited LCC members to speak at the Joint Finance Committee Hearing will be at the Ellsworth High School on April 19th.

USDA-NRCS Report. Program Updates. Mark Biel provided CStP and EQIP program updates. He noted staff continues the new CStP application process training. He also indicated CStP contract holders with expiring contracts will be offered contract renewals for another five-year contract period. Mark informed LCC members that the NRCS Ellsworth Field Office has applied for \$439,000 for cost share practices in the MRBI and hopes the field office can receive additional funding beyond the \$350,000 left for this year. Additionally, Mark noted the Ellsworth Field Office is requesting 1.3 million for cost sharing cover crops. Finally, Mark noted another pilot has indicated interest in aerial application of cover crops in Pierce County.

Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items. Cost Share Applications, Ag Enterprise Area Applications.

Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time. Thursday, April 27, 2017, 8:30 a.m. PCOB LL Meeting Room.

Committee will convene into closed session pursuant to 19.85 (1)(c) Wis. Stats. For the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility: LCD Director annual performance evaluation Members. LeRoy Peterson motioned to move into closed session. Dean Bergsens seconded. Motion carried with all in favor. Roll call vote, all voting yes.

Reconvene into open session and take action on closed session item, if required. LeRoy Peterson moved to reconvene to open session. Dean Bergsens seconded. Motion carried with all in favor. Roll call vote, all voting yes. Dean Bergsens moved to grant a satisfactory performance evaluation and a step increase if eligible. LeRoy Peterson seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Adjournment. Dean Bergsens moved to adjourn. Paul Fetzer seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Pierce County Land Conservation Committee Meeting Agenda

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Pierce County Office Building

Lower Level Meeting Room

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6	Discuss/Take Action on Cost Share Requests	Rod Webb
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8	Director's Report 1. Department of Natural Resources – Multi-Discharger Phosphorus Variance and Nutrient Trading Program 2. Department Updates	Rod Webb
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Thursday February 23, 2017

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Public Comment: None presented.
Call to order. Jerry Kosin, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
Adopt Agenda. Paul Fetzer moved to approve the agenda. Dale Auckland seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.
Approve November 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Dale Auckland moved to approve the minutes as printed. Paul Fetzer seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.
Discuss/Take Action to Approve 2016 Wildlife Damage Program Crop Prices and Claims. Alec Sundelius presented the Pierce County 2016 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program Apple Price Summary. LeRoy Peterson moved to approve the prices as submitted. Paul Fetzer seconded. Motion carried with all in favor. Additionally, Alec presented a claim request for wildlife abatement for deer damage in Wilson Mill's apple orchard for 31.3 bushels of apples at \$1,448.50. Alec noted Wilson's abatement efforts were minimal and did not meet the recommended abatement requirements. Paul Fetzer moved to deny that claim. Dale Auckland seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.
Wildlife Damage Program Updates. Alec Sundelius also provided a list of the Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program enrollees—to date. Alec noted, in particular, Stephanie Thompson has purchased the property of Greg Daniel and subsequently assumed the Greg Daniel Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program contract and committed to fulfilling the obligations thereof. Additionally, Alec reported Darren Edwards cancelled his Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program contract and fulfilled the repayment as required.
Discuss/Take Action to Approve Conservation Compliance Certificates for Farmland Preservation Program Participants. Jon Krauss presented three Conservation Compliance Certificates located within NW Pierce County AEA (Agricultural Enterprise Area) to LCC members for review and approval including John and Rebecca Huppert; Melvin and Geraldine Nelson and William and Linda Meier. Additionally, Jon presented one Conservation Compliance Certificate outside of the NW AEA. Jon noted all participants have nutrient management plans in place and have agreed to meet soil loss tolerances as required by the program. LeRoy Peterson moved to approve the certificates as presented, Greg Andrews seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.
Discuss/Take Action to Approve Travel/Training Requests. Dale Auckland moved to approve and Paul Fetzer seconded travel/training requests for Larry Gruber, Dan Sitz and Rod Webb to attend a Technicians Meeting In Eau Claire on February 7, 2017; for Larry Gruber, Dan Sitz and Rod Webb to attend the annual WI Land + Water Association Training Conference in Elkhart Lake March 16-18, 2017 and for Rod Webb to attend the West Central Area Meeting and Area Speaking Contest in Chippewa Falls on February 13, 2017. Motion carried with all in favor.
Discuss/Take Action to Create a Cost Share Program Policy Regarding Landowners Personally Installing Conservation Practices. Paul Fetzer moved to establish policy regarding landowners personally installing conservation practices by authorizing cost share reimbursement at a maximum cost per practice at 70% cost share of USDA-NRCS flat rate. Greg Andrews seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.
Discuss/Take Action to Approve Cost Share Requests. Rod presented a list of cost share requests for January 2017. LeRoy Peterson moved to approve the cost share requests as presented. Jerry Kosin seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.
Review Land and Water Resource Management Work Plan Accomplishments for 2016. Rod reviewed 2016 accomplishments for DATP approved annual work plan.
Department Updates: Rod reported the Pierce County Youth Speaking Contest is scheduled for February 6, at 4 p.m in the EOC Meeting Room. He also reported the North-West Pierce County AEA Informational Meeting is scheduled at the River Falls Town Hall on February 16, 2017 at 1p.m.
NRCS Program Report. Mark provided EQIP and CSP program updates. Mark noted the CSP program has been overhauled and staff is participating in program webinars and training.
Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items. 2018 DATCP staffing grant application. Cost Share Applications, Personnel Evaluation,
Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time. Thursday, February 23, 2017, 8:30 a.m. LL PCOB.
Adjournment. LeRoy Peterson moved to adjourn. Jerry Kosin seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

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