

**Pierce County Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, October 22, 2020 8:30 a.m.

**Pierce County Annex Conference Room
414 West Main Street
Ellsworth, WI 54011**

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3	Approval of August 27, 2020 meeting minutes	Chair
4	Discuss/Take Action to Approve Cost Share Requests	Rod Webb
5	Discuss/Take Action to Approve Lakes Protection Grant Agreement with University of River Falls to Provide Aquatic Invasive Species Program for Pierce County	Rod Webb
*6	Discuss/Take Action on Replacement of the No-Till Grain Drill used for Rental Unit to County Residents	Rod Webb
*7	Discuss/Take Action on Specifications for a No-Till Grain Drill	Rod Webb
8	Discuss/Take Action to Approve Contribution Agreement with USDA-NRCS for Engineering Technical Assistance to MRBI Watershed Project Participants	Rod Webb
9	Department Updates 1. Water Quality Trading with Village of Ellsworth	Rod Webb
10	USDA-NRCS Report	Jason Barrick
11	Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items	Chair
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*Amended 10-15-2020 by RW

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**Pierce County Land Conservation Committee
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Thursday September 24, 2020 8:30 a.m.

**Pierce County Courthouse County Board Room
414 West Main Street
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<p>LCC Members Present: Jerry Kosin, Melvin Pittman, Kris Sampson, Daniel Puhmann, (Greg Andrews & Dean Bergseng via Teleconference)</p>
<p>LCD & Agency Present: Rod Webb, Jason Barrick - NRCS & Justin Kania- DNR</p>
<p>Public Comment: None presented.</p>
<p>Call to order: Jerry Kosin, Chair called to order at 8:33 a.m.</p>
<p>Adopt Agenda: Melvin Pittman moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Kris Sampson seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.</p>
<p>Approve June 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Melvin Pittman moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Kris Sampson seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.</p>
<p>Discuss/Take Action to Approve Cost Share Requests: Rod presented cost share requests for the following landowners: Tom Shafer- Critical Area Treatment \$700.00, Peter Kimball- Access Road \$7,000.00, Melvin Nielsen- Waterway System \$700.00, Kristin Nyquist- Well Closure \$1,242.00 & Tim Truttman- Critical Area Treatment \$4,200.00. Melvin Pittman moved to approve. Kris Sampson seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.</p>
<p>Discuss/Take Action to Approve Lake Protection Grant Agreement with University of Wisconsin-River Falls to Provide Aquatic Invasive Species Program for Pierce County: Rod explained that WDNR has changed the aquatic invasive species (AIS) control program to a block grant available to all counties. This grant allows Pierce County to receive \$10,806.00 for AIS education and control program. UWRP staff member Kelsey Cowart contacted Rod to discuss the option for Pierce County to enter into an agreement to have UWRP staff provide AIS services. The grant amount for Pierce County could be directly assigned to UWRP in exchange for AIS services. Dan Puhmann motioned to move forward with drafting an agreement with UWRP to provide AIS services covered by this grant, agreement to be reviewed by LCC later in 2020, motion seconded by Jerry Kosin. Motion carried with all in favor.</p>
<p>Discuss/Take Action to Participate with Department of Natural Resource and Village of Ellsworth in Water Quality Trading Program: Rod explained the concept of water quality trading with municipalities that operate waste water treatment facilities. Village of Ellsworth is pursuing water quality trading as an alternative to adding new equipment and/or increasing chemical use to meet phosphorus limits of their waste water treatment facility discharge into the Isabelle Creek. Davy Engineering is working for the Village of Ellsworth to determine if water quality trading is a viable option for the village. Davy Engineering contacted the LCD to request assistance in identifying potential conservation projects that could serve as phosphorus reduction trades. LCD staff will need to identify landowners that have potential phosphorus reducing conservation practice needs. LCD staff will work with both the landowners and Village of Ellsworth to complete conservation practices and calculate the amount of phosphorus credits that the given conservation practices can trade for. Land Conservation Department will charge Village of Ellsworth for staff time related to all aspects of the projects and Village of Ellsworth will provide cost sharing assistance to the landowners who install the planned practices. Estimated staff hours to participate in this program may approach 500 hours. A detailed agreement between the Village of Ellsworth and the Land Conservation Department will need to be developed and signed later this year. Members discussed several benefits to the LCD participating in this program. Motion by Melvin Pittman, seconded by Greg Andrews. Motion carried with all in favor.</p>
<p>Discuss/Take Action to Approve the 2021 Proposed Budgets for Land Conservation, Conservation Aids, PL-566 Structures, MDV Program and Wildlife Damage Programs: Rod presented a proposed budget and explained any differences from the previous year's budget. Rod also briefly explained each of the programs for the new members of the LCC. Melvin Pittman motioned to approve the 2021 proposed</p>

budget and forward it to Finance Department, seconded by Kris Sampson. Motion carried with all in favor.
Department Updates: Rod discussed the Land and Water Resource Management Plan revision that is underway. Rick Ingli has created a public input survey on Google Forms and will be soliciting input from landowners and residents of Pierce County. A copy of the potential survey questions was provided to the LCC. Any feedback will be much appreciated. Rod also discussed the possibility of purchasing a new no-till drill with funds that will be received from USDA-NRCS for watershed assessment planning.
NRCS Program Report: District Conservation Jason Barrick introduced himself and provided an update on USDA-NRCS program activities.
DNR Forestry Report: Justin Kania DNR forester for Pierce and Pepin Counties introduced himself and provided an update on forestry issues affecting Pierce County
Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items: Approval of grant agreement for AIS program and Water Quality Trading agreement with Village of Ellsworth
Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time: 8:30 am, September 24, 2020. Pierce County Board Room, Ellsworth.
Adjournment: Melvin Pittman moved to adjourn. Kris Sampson seconded. Motion carried with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:54 am

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

LCC Members Present: Jerry Kosin, Dean Bergseng, Melvin Pittman, Kris Sampson,

Daniel Puhmann, Greg Andrews (via conference line)

LCD Present: Rod Webb

Public Comment: None presented.

Call to order: Jerry Kosin, Chair called to order at 10.01 a.m.

Election of Temporary Chairperson: Jerry Kosin nominated Dean Bergseng as Temporary Chairperson, no other nominations presented

Election of Chairperson: Melvin Pittman nominated Jerry Kosin, no other nominations were presented. Melvin Pittman motioned to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jerry Kosin, seconded by Dean Bergseng seconded. Motion carried. Bergseng turned the meeting over to Kosin

Election of Vice-Chairperson: Dean Bergseng nominated Melvin Pittman, no other nominations were presented. Dean motioned to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Melvin Pittman, Jerry Kosin seconded. Motion carried.

Adopt Agenda: Melvin Pittman moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Dean Bergseng seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Approve February 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Melvin Pittman moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Dean Bergseng seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve 2021 Soil & Water Resource Management Grant Application to DATCP: Rod explained the 2021 grant application to DATCP for LCD staffing and cost share funds. The grant amount will be determined by DATCP grant formulas. Melvin Pittman motioned to approve the grant application, Jerry Kosin seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Cost Share Applications: Rod presented a list a of cost share applications and explained the practices that were included in each application. Dean Bergseng motioned to approve the list as presented, Dan Puhmann seconded, motion carried with all in favor

Discuss/Take Action to Issue Notice of Non-Compliance letters to Farmland Preservation Program Participants No Longer Eligible for Credits: Rod explained that due to changes made to the Town of River Falls zoning for Farmland Preservation two landowners that had been issued certificate of compliance for Farmland Preservation Program credits are no longer eligible, so they must be issued a notice of non-compliance. Dean Bergseng motioned to issue the non-compliance letters, Kris Sampson seconded, motion carried with all in favor.

Department Updates:

- 1. Bay City PL-566 Flood Control Structure Repair:** Rod reported that the pipe separation on the Bay City #1 Flood control dam is repaired. He also explained the issue with the downstream channel below the structure that needs to be dredged to help the water flowing from the pipe continue to flow downstream
- 2. Trimbelle and Rush River Watershed Assessment Plans-** Watershed assessment plans for the Trimbelle River and Rush River have been submitted to USDA-NRCS for review and funding under the Mississippi River Basin Initiative.
- 3. Land & Water Resource Mangement Plan Revision in 2021:** Rod informed the committee members that it is once again time to revise the Land & Water Resource Management Plan. Pierce County is scheduled to present the revision to the Wisconsin Land & Water Board in August of 2021.

Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items: 2021 Budget for Land Conservation, Wildlife Damage Program, PL-566 Program and County Conservation Aids. Report from DNR Forester

Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time: 8:30 am, July 23, 2020. LL Meeting Room PCOB, Ellsworth.

Adjournment: Melvin Pittman moved to adjourn. Dan Puhmann seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

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8	Discuss/Take Action to Approve Cost Share Requests	Rod Webb
9	Discuss/Take Action to Issue Notice of Non-Compliance letters to Farmland Preservation Program Participants No Longer Eligible for Credits	Rod Webb/ Jon Krauss
10	Department Updates 1. Bay City Pl-566 Structure Repair 2. Watershed Assessment Plans for Trimbelle River & Rush River 3. Land & Water Resource Management Plan Revision (August 3, 2021)	Rod Webb
11	Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items	Chair
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9	Department Updates 1. Bay City PI-566 Structure Repair 2. Watershed Assessment Plans for Trimbelle River & Rush River	Rod Webb
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Thursday, April 23, 2020 8:30 a.m.

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CANCELLED

Pierce County Land Conservation Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 26, 2020 8:30 a.m.

Pierce County Office Building

Lower Level Meeting Room

412 West Kinne Street Ellsworth, WI 54011

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3	Approve February 27,2020 Meeting Minutes	Jerry Kosin, Chair
4	Discuss/Take Action on Travel/Training Requests	Rod Webb
5	Discuss/Take Action to Approve 2021 DATCP Soil & Water Resource Management Grant Application	Rod Webb
6	Discuss/Take Action to Approve Cost Share Requests	Rod Webb
7	Discuss/Take Action on Conservation Compliance Certificates for Farmland Preservation Program – Notices of Non-Compliance	Rod Webb
8	Director’s Report 1. Watershed Assessment Plans for Trimbelle and Rush River Watersheds 2. Wisconsin Land + Water Association Conference Report	Rod Webb
9	Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items	Jerry Kosin, Chair
10	Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time	Jerry Kosin, Chair
11	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	Jason Matthys Members
12	Reconvene into open session and take action on closed session item, if required	Jerry Kosin, Chair
13	Adjournment	Jerry Kosin, Chair
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LCC Members Present: Jerry Kosin, Leroy Peterson, Dale Auckland, Paul Shingledecker

LCD Present: Rod Webb, Rick Ingli

Public Comment: None presented.

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

Adopt Agenda: Dale Auckland moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Leroy Peterson seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Approve January 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Leroy Peterson moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Dale Auckland seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Travel/Training Requests: Rod presented a request for him, Larry, and Dan to attend the annual Technician Meeting held at the 29 Pines Conference Center on March 31st. Dale Auckland moved to approve. Paul Shingledecker seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Cost Share Requests: Rod presented a cost share request for a well abandonment project for Bernard Schoeder. Dale Auckland moved to approve. Paul Shingledecker seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Hidden Hills of the Kinni Storm Water and Erosion Control Plans (Phase 2): Rod presented a staff report for “Phase 2” and concluded with the following staff recommendations- Staff recommends the Land Conservation Committee approve “Phase 2” storm water and erosion control plans with the following conditions;

1. A construction timeline is provided to Pierce County Land Conservation Department
2. Any changes or modifications to the original storm water and erosion control plans (dated 5-29-2019) and were approved in June 2019 Land Conservation Committee meeting, must be submitted to Land Conservation Department prior to construction.
3. Storm water and erosion control fees are received by Land Conservation department (per Ordinance 4-10 date July 2004)

After some discussion, Leroy Peterson moved to conditionally approve the “Phase 2” storm water and erosion control plans given the 3 conditions are met. Dale Auckland seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Modified Conservation Compliance Certificates for Farmland Preservation Program Participants: Rod explained that since the original batch of Certificates of Compliance (COCs) was issued, there has been a number of landowner changes and Town of River Falls zoning changes that required the department to update existing COCs. Rod went through a list of landowners who will have some changes on their COC. Staff updated COCs for all landowners in the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) in order to be consistent. Rod proposed that Jerry sign the updated Certificates of Compliance for all current FPP participants in Pierce County. Dale Auckland moved to approve. Paul Shingledecker seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Department Updates:

1. **Funding for Land Conservation Staff (SB723/AB790)** –Rod informed the committee that the Assembly passed this bill and it is now moving on to the Senate. The bill would potentially give Pierce County LCD the opportunity to have additional staff funding (starting in 2021). Rod will keep the committee informed and discuss further details at a later date if the bill passes.
2. **Farmland Preservation Program Proposed Changes (SB575/AB637)**- Rod explained a proposed bill that would increase the Annual Income Tax Credits those Farmland Preservation Program participants could claim in order to better offset some of the costs associated with meeting State soil and water conservation standards. He was unsure of how much support it has.

- 3. West Central Area Speaking Contest Results-** The senior division winner from the Pierce County speaking contest went on to win the Area Contest as well. The junior division winner from Pierce County took second place at the area contest.
- 4. Trimbelle and Rush River Watershed Assessment Plans-** Staff are working to complete the watershed assessment plans for the two watersheds. Once complete, the plans will be sent to a technical review committee for further input. The watershed assessment plans could result in federal funding that would be used to install conservation practices in the Trimbelle and Rush River watersheds.
- 5. City of Prescott –Multi-Discharger Phosphorus Variance-** Rod informed the committee that the LCD will be receiving \$23,000 from the City of Prescott through the DNR’s multi-discharger phosphorus variance program. The funds will be used to implement conservation practices that reduce phosphorus. The committee will decide where to spend the funds at a later date.

NRCS Program Report: Dana Swanson will be the new acting District Conservationist starting March 1st. Dana was unable to attend the meeting, so Rod summarized a report that she had put together. The main takeaway was that NRCS will have stricter requirements that landowners will need to meet in order to receive federal funding/incentives for conservation practices (e.g. to have no-till, cover crops, and a nutrient management plan).

Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items: LCD Director’s performance evaluation. 2021 DATCP SWRM Grant.

Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time: 8:30 am, March 26, 2020. LL Meeting Room PCOB, Ellsworth.

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

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9	NRCS Program Report	Dana Swanson
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LCD/NRCS Present: Rod Webb, Rick Ingle, Jeff Matzke, and Alec Sundelius (APHIS)

Public Comment: None presented.

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

Adopt Agenda: Dale Auckland moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Leroy Peterson seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Approve December 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes: Leroy Peterson moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Dale Auckland seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Travel/Training Requests: Rod presented a request for him and Rick to attend the West Central Area Association Meeting & Area Speaking Contest on February 3rd 2020. Greg Andrews moved to approve. Dale Auckland seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discuss/Take Action to Approve Cost Share Requests: Rod presented a list of cost share requests for 2020. There were 21 project requests in total including waterway systems, critical area treatments, grade stabilization structures, and waste storage closures. Dean Bergseng moved to approve. Leroy Peterson seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Department Updates: -Rod met with representatives from the Village of Ellsworth and Davy Engineering to discuss the possibility of utilizing phosphorus trading. The Village is exploring their options to reduce phosphorus in order to meet the requirements of their next permit. They may be looking at doing some work in the Isabelle Creek watershed. Some discussion ensued about other phosphorus trading taking place in the County which has a 3:1 trade ratio.

-Rod also informed the committee that he is working on watershed assessment plans for the Trimbelle watershed and the upper and lower Rush River watersheds. The LCD is working to complete the plans by Spring-time.

Wildlife Damage Program Report & Updates: Alec Sundelius gave the committee a hand-out which listed the 2019 program participants. There were 15 enrollees (abatements), 2 fence inspections, and 0 claims made within Pierce County in 2019. Alec also informed the committee that there is a piece of legislation (Senate Bill 628) that has 5 proposed changes to the Wildlife Damage and Abatement Program, 2 of which may impact the County. The first change would eliminate the \$10,000 compensation limit, and the second would eliminate county administration of the program (and have DNR administer the program). The committee had some discussion about the pros/cons of these proposed changes.

NRCS Program Report: Jeff Matzke informed the committee that February 13th will be his last day as acting-District Conservationist. After Jeff, Dana Swanson will be the acting-DC in Pierce County. Instead of filling the District Conservationist position, NRCS hopes to advertise for a Soil Conservationist position within the next 6 months. Jeff also informed the committee that EQIP and CSP applications/renewals will be screened based on the estimated conservation benefit. Rod mentioned that this will be a positive addition and will help improve conservation within the county.

Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items: Legislative updates on conservation staff funding

Discuss Next Meeting Place, Date and Time: 8:30 am, February 27, 2020. LL Meeting room PCOB, Ellsworth

Adjournment: Greg Andrews moved to adjourn. Leroy Peterson seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Pierce County Land Conservation Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 23, 2020 8:30 a.m.

Pierce County Office Building Lower Level Meeting Room

412 West Kinne Street, Ellsworth, WI 54011

#	Action	Presenter
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.		
1	Call to order	Jerry Kosin, Chair
2	Adopt Agenda	Jerry Kosin, Chair
3	Approve December 19, 2019 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.	Department Updates	Rod Webb
7.	Wildlife Damage Program Report & Updates	Alec Sundelius
8.	NRCS Program Report	Jeff Matzke
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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<p style="text-align: center;">Mission Statement</p> <p>The Pierce County Department of Land Conservation develops strategies, implements programs, and provides technical assistance to protect and enhance the soil and water resources of the county.</p>		

A quorum of County Board Supervisors may be present.