



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Land Conservation Committee

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Tuesday, May 1, 2018

5:00 PM

Lyman F Anderson Ag & Conservation Center  
5201 Fen Oak Drive - Room 121  
Madison WI 53718

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present:** 6 - PATRICK DOWNING, CARL CHENOWETH, YOGESH CHAWLA, NIKOLE JONES,  
JEREMY LEVIN and MICHELE RITT

**Excused:** 1 - KAY HOFFMAN

*Staff Present: Amy Callis, Laura Hicklin, Steve Ottelien*

*Meeting called to order by CHENOWETH at 5:04 pm.*

*At the request of DOWNING, the committee agreed to move agenda item B "Election of Officers" to follow agenda item I "Announcements."*

#### C. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) LCC MINUTES\_3-22-18  
[MIN-597](#)

**Attachments:** [2017 MIN-597 LCC MINUTES 3-22-18](#)

A motion was made by CHENOWETH, seconded by DOWNING, that the minutes of the March 22, 2018 meeting be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 2/0/4 (RITT, LEVIN, CHAWLA, JONES abstained)

**Ayes:** 2 - Supervisor DOWNING and Supervisor CHENOWETH

**Excused:** 1 - HOFFMAN

**Abstain:** 4 - Supervisor CHAWLA, Supervisor JONES, Supervisor LEVIN and Supervisor RITT

#### D. Fund Transfers - none

#### E. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2017  
RES-535](#)

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS (NACD) AND FUND TRANSFER

**Sponsors:** CHENOWETH, DOWNING, ERICKSON, KILMER, STUBBS and WILLIAMS

**Attachments:** [2017 RES-535](#)  
[2017 RES-535 Fiscal Note](#)

**A motion was made by LEVIN, seconded by RITT, that this Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote was recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 6/0**

**Ayes:** 6 - Supervisor DOWNING, Supervisor CHENOWETH, Supervisor CHAWLA, Supervisor JONES, Supervisor LEVIN and Supervisor RITT

**Excused:** 1 - HOFFMAN

## F. Items Requiring Committee Action

### Delegating Authority for Cost Share Contract & Payment Approvals

*Callis presented staff's request to delegate cost share contracts and payment approvals to the County Conservationist to improve efficiency of implementation of conservation practices. She stated that all approvals would meet program parameters approved by the Land Conservation Committee.*

*LEVIN requested staff present a report to the committee at the next meeting on how other counties were administering cost share contracts and payments.*

**A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by LEVIN, to delegate authority for cost share contract and payment approvals to the County Conservationist.**

**RITT proposed a friendly amendment, accepted by DOWNING and LEVIN, to delegate authority for cost share contract and payment approvals to the County Conservationist for cost share amounts not to exceed \$6,000.**

**The motion, as amended, carried by the following vote: 6/0**

**Ayes:** 6 - Supervisor DOWNING, Supervisor CHENOWETH, Supervisor CHAWLA, Supervisor JONES, Supervisor LEVIN and Supervisor RITT

**Excused:** 1 - HOFFMAN

## G. Presentations - none

## H. Reports to Committee - none

## I. Announcements

*DOWNING reported that he attended the Wisconsin's Water Future Conference presented by the Wisconsin Humanities Council on the UW-Madison Campus.*

**B. Election of Officers**

*DOWNING nominated CHENOWETH for chair of the Land Conservation Committee.  
LEVIN moved to cast a unanimous ballot to elect CHENOWETH chair of the Land  
Conservation Committee.  
Motion to elect CHENOWETH as chair carried 6/0.*

*RITT nominated DOWNING for vice-chair of Land Conservation Committee.  
JONES moved to cast a unanimous ballot to elect DOWNING vice-chair of the Land  
Conservation Committee.  
Motion to elect DOWNING as vice-chair carried 6/0.*

*LEVIN nominated RITT for secretary of the Land Conservation Committee.  
RITT nominated CHAWLA for secretary of the Land Conservation Committee.  
RITT declined LEVIN'S nomination for secretary of the Land Conservation Committee.  
DOWNING nominated LEVIN for secretary of the Land Conservation Committee.  
LEVIN declined DOWNING'S nomination for secretary of the Land Conservation  
Committee.  
LEVIN moved to cast a unanimous ballot to elect CHAWLA secretary of the Land  
Conservation Committee.  
Motion to elect CHAWLA as secretary carried 6/0.*

**J. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*By consensus of committee members, the next four Land Conservation Committee  
meetings will be held on May 24th, June 28th, July 26th & August 23 at 5 pm at the  
Lyman Anderson Ag & Conservation Center.*

**K. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

*None*

**L. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

*None*

**M. Adjourn**

**A motion was made by LEVIN, seconded by RITT, that this meeting be adjourned.  
The motion carried by the following vote: 6/0**

**Ayes:** 6 - Supervisor DOWNING, Supervisor CHENOWETH, Supervisor CHAWLA, Supervisor  
JONES, Supervisor LEVIN and Supervisor RITT

**Excused:** 1 - HOFFMAN

*Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted by Steven Ottelien. Minutes subject to committee approval.*