



November 21, 2013

Mr. Chuck Thompson
Dairyland Power Cooperative
P.O. Box 817
La Crosse, WI 54602-0817

SHSW#: 13-1118/LC

RE: Request to Work within boundary of Uncataloged Burial Site: LC-0064/BLC-0086

Dear Mr. Thompson:

We have received your submittal of November 4, 2013 concerning the request to work within the boundary of an uncataloged burial site (LC-0064/BLC-0086). Pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 157.70 and Wis. Admin. Code § HS 2.04 (2), you are hereby authorized to contract with a qualified archeologist to conduct “limited appropriate subsurface exploration,” as you have described in your project proposal, to test the recorded burial site location, LC-0064/BLC-0086, for the presence of human remains. A “qualified archeologist”, as specified under Wis. Stats. § 157.70 (1) (i) and Wis. Admin. Code § HS 2.04 (6), shall conduct all “subsurface exploration” (per Wis. Admin. Code § HS 2.04 (2)) associated with this recorded human burial site testing program.

Please forward two copies of the archeological report of investigations to our office for review and comment prior to receiving the required authorization to construct within the boundary of LC-0064/BLC-0086. If human bone is discovered during your subsurface investigations, you must cease work immediately and contact the Burial Sites Preservation Office at 1-800-342-7834 for compliance with Wis. Stat. §157.70 which provides for the protection of human burial sites.

You may call me at (608) 264-6507 if you have any questions concerning these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sherman Banker'.

Sherman Banker
Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office

REQUEST FOR SHPO COMMENT AND CONSULTATION ON A FEDERAL UNDERTAKING

Submit one copy with each undertaking for which our comment is requested. Please print or type. Return to:
Wisconsin Historical Society, Division of Historic Preservation, Office of Preservation Planning, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706
Please Check All Boxes and Include All of the Following Information, as Applicable.

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- This is a new submittal.
- This is supplemental information relating to Case #: _____, and title: _____
- This project is being undertaken pursuant to the terms and conditions of a programmatic or other interagency agreement. The title of the agreement is _____
- a. Federal Agency Jurisdiction (Agency providing funds, assistance, license, permit): Rural Utilities Service
- b. Federal Agency Contact Person: Lauria Dean Phone: 202-720-9634
- c. Project Contact Person: Chuck Thompson Phone: 609-787-1432
- d. Return Address: Dairyland Power Cooperative, 3200 E. Ave S Zip Code: 54602
- e. Email Address: cat@dairy.net.com
- f. Project Name: Q-28 Phase I Survey
- g. Project Street Address: _____
- h. County: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____
- i. Project Location: Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Sections 7, 8, 15, 16, 17, 23, and 24
Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Sections 29, 30, 32, and 33
Township 17 North, Range 8 West, Sections 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, and 13
- j. Project Narrative Description—Attach Information as Necessary.
- k. Area of Potential Effect (APE). Attach Copy of U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Topographic Quadrangle showing APE.

II. IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

- Historic Properties are located within the project APE per 36 CFR 800.4. Attach supporting materials.
- Historic Properties are not located within the project APE per 36 CFR 800.4. Attach supporting materials.

III. FINDINGS

- No historic properties will be affected (i.e., none is present or there are historic properties present but the project will have no effect upon them). Attach necessary documentation, as described at 36 CFR 800.11.
- The proposed undertaking will have no adverse effect on one or more historic properties located within the project APE under 36 CFR 800.5. Attach necessary documentation, as described at 36 CFR 800.11.
- The proposed undertaking will result in an adverse effect to one or more historic properties and the applicant, or other federally authorized representative, will consult with the SHPO and other consulting parties to resolve the adverse effect per 36 CFR 800.6. Attach supporting documentation as described at 36 CFR 800.11 with a proposed plan to resolve adverse effect(s).

Authorized Signature: Chuck Thompson Date: 12/5/13

Type or print name: Chuck Thompson

IV. STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE COMMENTS

- Agree with the finding in section III above.
- Object to the finding for reasons indicated in attached letter.
- Cannot review until information is sent as follows: _____

Authorized Signature: Sherman Beukley Date: 12/11/13

Phase I Archaeological Survey of Eleven and a Half Miles of the Q28 (old Q1-D) Marshland to Briggs Road Transmission Line Rebuild and Associated Laydown Areas in La Crosse and Trempealeau Counties, Wisconsin

**SHSW# 13-0745/LC (uncatalogued burial permit)
ARPA Permit No. 2013-WI/3-4 (for portion of project owned by US Fish and Wildlife)**

Report Prepared for:
Dairyland Power Cooperative
3200 East Ave South
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Prepared by:
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Principal Investigator
Vicki L. Twinde-Javner

Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Reports of Investigations No. 976

December 2013



ABSTRACT

In June, July, October, and November 2013, personnel from the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center (MVAC) performed a Phase I archaeological survey of approximately eleven and a half miles for proposed changes to the Q28 (old Q1-D) transmission line (Marshland to Briggs Road) and approximately 65 to 70 acres that were selected to be used for laydown area alternatives. The transmission line portion of the project involved rebuilding an existing line. For approximately nine and a quarter miles of the transmission line project, the exact pole locations were unknown at the time of the archaeological survey, therefore the entire project centerline was surveyed. In areas with less than ten percent surface visibility, the centerline of the existing transmission line was shovel tested in 15 meter intervals. In plowed fields with good surface visibility, the centerline of the existing transmission line was pedestrian surveyed. Within the Van Loon State Wildlife Area and to the east of the Black River, approximately two and a quarter miles, the wet conditions early in the summer precluded proper survey. By the time conditions were dry enough for adequate survey in this area in the fall, Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) had staked the exact pole locations. Since this would be the only type of ground disturbance for the transmission line, the pole locations only were surveyed in this area. Of these poles, six poles were located on US Fish and Wildlife property and two poles were located on Department of Natural Resources property. The remaining thirteen pole locations in this area were on private property. The two potential laydown areas were located in plowed fields with good surface visibility, therefore pedestrian survey in 10 to 15 meter intervals was utilized.

Two previously recorded sites, 47TR52, a prehistoric campsite/village and 47LC64/BLC86, a prehistoric mound group are located within the project area. One additional new site, 47TR424, an isolated find was discovered. All of these sites are on private land. No evidence of 47TR52 could be located despite survey in the site area more than once. No additional artifacts were associated with 47TR424. The existing transmission line bisects the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Database (WHPD) site limits of 47LC64/BLC86, a prehistoric mound group. Although field notes from a 1994 MVAC field visit to the site show that there were four possible conical mounds under the existing transmission line, there is no surface evidence of the mounds today under the transmission line. One pole will be located within the WHPD site location of 47LC64/BLC86 and MVAC personnel shovel tested this exact pole location. DPC will be utilizing this pole location to test the soil in this area and will be using basic trucks to drive into the site area, which should not disturb the site. Based on the results of the soil testing, the new single pole steel structure within the site boundaries will be placed in this location in one of two ways, vibracoring or the traditional way. If DPC vibracores the pole in place, no heavy equipment will be entering the site area, since the vibracoring is done by a helicopter. If the pole is placed the traditional way, DPC will place protective mats under the heavy equipment while driving within the 47LC64/BLC86 site area to assure no inadvertent ground disturbance occurs. Although MVAC personnel have essentially mitigated the pole location by shovel testing it, MVAC personnel will monitor the pole placement in the 47LC64/BLC86 site area for either method of pole placement chosen to make sure no unplanned ground disturbance takes place within the site area.

No evidence of 47TR52 could be found and 47TR424 is an isolated find and is not considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. No further

archaeological work is recommend for this project with the exception of archaeological monitoring of the soil testing and pole placement within the site location of 47LC64/BLC86. MVAC personnel will monitor any ground disturbing activities within this site location, but since MVAC has already mitigated the pole location, DPC's actions should not have a negative impact on the site.

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Appendix 3: Permit for Phase I work on DNR land.

WISCONSIN PUBLIC LANDS FIELD ARCHAEOLOGICAL PERMIT, 2013
 REQUIRED TO CONDUCT ARCHAEOLOGY ON ALL NON-FEDERAL PUBLIC LAND UNDER WIS. § 44.47
 Wisconsin Historical Society

Name/Organization/Contact Qualified archaeologists for MVAC Telephone 608-785-8451

Address 1725 State St City La Crosse State WI Zip Code 54601

E-mail Address kstevenson@uwlax.edu FAX# 608-785-6474

Institutional Affiliation UW-LaCrosse, MVAC Occupation Archaeologist

Location of work: STATE WIDE

Highway: Hwy/Rd _____ County _____
 Project Begin: _____ Project End: _____

Other Projects: County _____ Civil Town _____ Town _____ Range _____ Section _____

Quarter Sections (minimum 3) _____

Name of Park, Wildlife Area Wisconsin DNR lands Site Name: _____ Site Number _____

Type of fieldwork: Phase I/Survey Phase II/Testing Phase III/Excavation Other

Purpose of the fieldwork: Federal Compliance State Compliance Education Other

Period of field work beginning on 4-1-2013 and ending on 12-31-2013

What institution will curate recovered artifacts, notes, and records? MVAC, UW-La Crosse
 (Curation agreement must be on file with WHS)

Signature of Archaeologist Katherine Stevenson Digital Sign by Katherine Stevenson, DNR, on Katherine Stevenson, at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, on 03/27/2013. Validity: Archaeology Center, sstevenson@uwlax.edu, 608/785-8451, 2013 03/27 11:20:54, dcnw Date 3-27-2013

Print name Katherine Stevenson continuation sheet or see attachments

Maps and/or Letters of explanation can accompany this application

Landowner or custodian name (print) MJ Dudzik Phone 608.266.3462

Signature of Landowner _____ Date 03.27.2013

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Permit Approved John H. Broihahn Date 27 March 2013

PLP # 13-013
 John H. Broihahn
 State Archaeologist
 Wisconsin Historical Society
 FAX: 608-264-6504 / PH 608-264-6496
 Email: john.broihahn@wisconsinhistory.org

- Conditions:
- 1) Two copies of the final report must be submitted to the Division of Historic Preservation – Public History.
 - 2) All artifacts, notes and records must be curated in an appropriate facility that is staffed by trained personnel.

This permit does NOT cover work within cataloged and uncataloged burial sites under Wis. § 157.70.
 This permit does NOT cover removal of human remains under Wis. § 157.70.
 Please contact Sherman Banker at (608) 264-6507 or by e-mail at sherman.banker@wisconsinhistory.org

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORT FORM

WHS/SHSW # 13-0745/LC (uncatalogued burial permit) COUNTY La Crosse and Trempealeau

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REPORT TITLE: Phase I Archaeological Survey of Eleven and a Half Miles of the Q28 (old Q1-D) Marshland to Briggs Road Transmission Line Rebuild and Associated Laydown Areas in La Crosse and Trempealeau Counties, Wisconsin

DATE OF REPORT (MONTH AND YEAR): December 2013

SERIES/NUMBER: Reports of Investigations No. 976

PLACE OF PUBLICATION: Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center

LOCATIONAL INFORMATION [LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF SURVEY AREA (T-R-S)]

Sections 7, 8, 15, 16, 17, 23 and 24 of Township 18 North, Range 9 West;

Sections 29, 30, 32, and 33 of Township 18 North, Range 8 West;

Sections 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, and 13 of Township 17 North, Range 8 West

U.S.G.S. QUAD MAP(S): Winona East Minn-Wis, Trempealeau, Galesville, and Holmen, Wisconsin 7.5' Quadrangles

SITE(S) INVESTIGATED: 47TR52, 47TR424, and 47LC64/BLC86

ACRES INVESTIGATED: ~120 (see abstract for details) AGENCY # _____

INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES COMPLETED (Check all that apply.)

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Avocational Survey | <input type="checkbox"/> Chance Encounter | <input type="checkbox"/> Controlled Surface Collection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faunal Analysis | <input type="checkbox"/> Floral Analysis | <input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Interview/Informant | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Literature Background Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Excavation | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical Stripping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Osteological Analysis | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phase I-Surface Survey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phase II | <input type="checkbox"/> Phase II-Corridor Only | <input type="checkbox"/> Phase III |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phase III-Corridor Only | <input type="checkbox"/> Records/Background | <input type="checkbox"/> Records/Background (Pred. Model) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Remote Sensing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shovel Testing/Probing (Inten) | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Core |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Survey (Intensive) | <input type="checkbox"/> Test Excavation | <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional Knowledge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Walk Over (Reconnaissance) | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

ABSTRACT: Included in report Written in space below