

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, August 2, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. Those present were Oscar Olson, Jeff Williams, Erica Roth, Ken Hodgson, Dudley Timm, Tonya Gratz, Tyler Newcomer, Brian Bucholtz, Jason Thomas, Cody Didier, Todd Jenson, and Harry Pulliam.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved on a motion by Williams, second by Hodgson. Motion carried.

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$4670.56. A motion was made by Hodgson, second by Roth to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Newcomer gave a report on the SAA tour in Dodge County. They viewed a rock quarry, wind farm, Jung seed, and watched a rainfall simulator.

Thomas informed the committee the Local Workgroup meeting will be August 9, at the Brooklyn Community Center, beginning at 10:00AM. This meeting is to set priorities for EQIP.

Gratz informed the committee she has been working on CREP renewals. She has been working with the producer led watershed in applying for grant money. They have two field days set: August 21 at Jerry Daniels and August 30 at Tim Feller.

Newcomer informed the committee he has been helping with EQIP applicants and paperwork for cost-sharing of managed forest plans and cover crops.

Didier informed the committee he is now covering Green, Lafayette, and the west one-half of Dane Counties as the DNR Forester on non-managed forest law work.

Newcomer showed the committee waterhemp and palmer amaranth weed species, which are extremely difficult to control.

The committee reviewed recommendations #4, 6, 1, 6, 7, 5, and 7 from the Green County Livestock Facility Study Group Report and Recommendations. Please refer to that document, pages 25, 26, 27, 28, and 30 for a full description of those recommendations.

Item 4: DNR, WAV, and LWCD already do this. How do we increase monitoring and where would the extra funding come from? Keep this recommendation.

Item 6: The DNR does this already, so we don't need the county doing it as well.

Item 1: This recommendation is needed, but may need to be reworded somewhat. Possibly anyone affected or downstream well owners. An operational spill plan should be posted.

Item 6: This recommendation is needed. This is a requirement no matter what size of farm.

Item 7: NRCS already does this. Recommendation rejected.

Item 5: Leave the setbacks in line with the NRCS standards.

Item 7: Education is needed on this. Follow a nutrient management plan.

In committee concerns, questions were asked of some of the bigger dairies in the county.

In public comments, the Emerald Sky Dairy in St. Croix County, fine was discussed. There needs to be a baseline on water quality, especially in the areas that Pinnacle will be spreading manure on.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2018, beginning at 9:30 AM at the USDA Service Center.

A motion was made by Hodgson, second by Timm to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.