

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, February 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 AM. Those present were Oscar Olson, Jeff Williams, Kristi Leonard, Dudley Timm, Tonya Gratz, Teresa Zimmer, Chris Newberry, Jason Thomas, and Todd Jenson.

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

The January bills were audited in the amount of \$4280.00. A motion was made by Timm, second by Leonard to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Timm was voted as Chair of the FSA County Committee and is reappointed to the Land and Water Conservation Committee.

Jenson stated he had an opportunity to apply for a limited term employee through funding from the National Association of Conservation Districts. Green County was awarded funds up to \$55,681 for a one-year position. A motion was made by Leonard, second by Williams to approve the funding. Motion carried.

Zimmer informed the committee the 2018 ARCPLC signup is well underway and over 500 contracts have been initiated since starting in early January. Over half of these contracts are approved while the others are waiting for signatures, rental agreements or other information. When the program signup is completed with the producers, their program eligibility is also reviewed and updated if necessary. She also stated farm record changes have been keeping the FSA office very busy with updates of land sold and purchased, the creation of new entities and new rentals, along with ordinary changes of addresses, phone numbers and bank accounts.

Jenson informed the committee he received a report that the water levels are receding at the Pinnacle Dairy site, but are still too high. They are looking at raising the elevation of the manure pits again.

Thomas informed the committee there were 14 new EQIP contracts signed in January. There are 84 active contracts. Travis Skattum, an intern, has been doing CRP field checks. CSP signup goes until March 2.

Gratz informed the committee she only has three people signed up to take the bus to the state cover crop conference. She also invited everyone to attend a meeting on improving your soil to improve our water in Albany on February 20.

Newberry informed the committee he has been working on designs. He has lined up six volunteers to do stream monitoring. Groundwater awareness week in March 11-17.

In committee concerns, Olson asked if there was any progress on the goat manure problem in Cadiz township.

There was nothing in the public comment/question period.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2018, beginning at 9:30 AM at the USDA Service Center.

A motion was made by Leonard, second by Williams to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.