

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, June 7, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. Those present were Oscar Olson, Jeff Williams, Kristi Leonard, Erica Roth, Ken Hodgson, Dudley Timm, Chris Newberry, Tonya Gratz, Tyler Newcomer, Brian Bucholtz, Teresa Zimmer, Jason Thomas, Todd Jenson, Jerry Guth, and members of the public.

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

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$18,728.23. A motion was made by Hodgson, second by Leonard to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Zimmer informed the committee there are 157 signed MMP contracts. The program has been extended to June 8. Crop reporting has begun. Some CRP practices have been reopened for enrollment. Soil rental rates have decreased. They now range from \$82 - \$164/acre.

Thomas informed the committee there have been 15 EQIP payments made this month for \$61,000. There are six new EQIP contracts in the Spring Creek watershed for streambank and cover crops.

Gratz informed the committee the transect survey was done this week. She has been conducting FPP status reviews. There will be an "In Her Boots" workshop on June 21, at the Emily Harris farm, focusing on machinery and tools.

Newberry informed the committee he has been training WAV members. He has been dealing with some well issues.

Newcomer informed the committee he has been doing compliance checks and attending training.

Jenson invited the committee members to LCC training in Mt. Horeb on June 26. This event is hosted by Wisconsin Land and Water and DATCP.

The committee reviewed recommendations #16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, and 24 from the Green County Livestock Facility Study Group Report and Recommendations. Please refer to that document, pages 32 – 34 for a full description of those recommendations.

Item 16: Possibly require in county code and enforce with penalties. Would apply to any mechanical spreading of manure or fertilizer. Is there a previously set state code that we can adopt?

Item 17: There are not enough hours or staff to watch everyone. Farmer education is needed for this recommendation.

Item 18: This is more stringent than a nutrient management plan. January through March may not have frozen ground. Delete “restrict winter spreading.”

Item 19: Remove this recommendation.

Item 20: CAFO’s are already required to do this. 90% of farmers will not be affected by this. Keep this recommendation.

Item 21: Keep this recommendation.

Item 23: This recommendation is already covered under current county code.

Item 24: Table this recommendation right now. Wait and see how many recommendations are passed to see if more staff is needed.

There was nothing in committee concerns.

There were some comments from the public dealing with NMP’s and cover crops being needed, regulation and enforcement, and getting the word out to landowners on rules that are required of farmers.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2018, beginning at 9:30 AM at the USDA Service Center.

A motion was made by Leonard, second by Roth to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.