

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, December 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. Those present were Oscar Olson, Jeff Williams, Erica Roth, Ken Hodgson, Dudley Timm, Tony Strenz, Teresa Zimmer, Adam Wiegel, Todd Jenson, and Harry Pulliam.

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

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$13,924.43. A motion was made by Hodgson, second by Roth to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Zimmer informed the committee there was no notice of a second payment for MFP. The December market assistant loan rate is 3.75%. Ballots will be opened today for the county committee election. Laura Vosberg is retiring on December 21.

Strenz informed the committee the Farm Bill has passed the Senate and House. November 16 ended the EQIP signup. They have 88 applications, with 37 of them being eligible for the first round of funding. There will be a second signup in February and a third in May.

The out of state conference request was removed from the agenda.

A motion was made by Williams, second by Hodgson to act on the following Livestock Study Facility Group recommendations:

- Revise manure storage ordinance permit fee to have a sliding fee schedule per animal unit, not one set fee for everyone.
 - \$500 for 5000 cubic feet – 250,000 cubic feet
 - \$1000 for 250,001 – 500,000 cubic feet
 - \$2500 for 500,001 – 1,000,000 cubic feet
 - Anything higher - \$1 for each 500 cubic feetApproved.
- On soils with less than 12” to bedrock or groundwater, no manure applications of liquid manure are allowed. Liquid manure is defined as having less than 12% solids content. Avoid mechanical application of manure on these soils and use other available acres, OR, if avoidance is not possible, implement at least two of the following mitigation practices:
 - a. No liquid manure applications;
 - b. No fall manure applications;
 - c. Apply only solid manure in spring;
 - d. Limit solid manure application rate to 20 tons/acre/year;
 - e. Apply within 10 days or less from planting date or apply on a growing crop/cover crop treatment;

f. Manure treatment.

Approved.

- Coordinate well water test results, which are required to be taken every 15 months, to establish water quality trend data.
Let UW-EX be the lead on this recommendation.
- Only a certain amount of well capacity permitted per square mile to relieve the “straw effect.”
Not approved.
- New manure storage permittee applicants must ensure that sufficient funds will be available for pollution clean-up, nuisance abatement, and proper closure of the manure storage if it is abandoned or otherwise ceases to operate as planned and permitted.
- Not approved.
- Create CAFO operations ordinance.
Not approved. We already have this.
- Increase manure storage for all farms building new or modifying existing manure storage structures for a minimum of 3 months and CAFOs to have a minimum of one-year storage.
Not approved.
- Require all Green County livestock and crop operations to have an approved Nutrient Management Plan.
Not approved.
- Revise county code to increase property line setbacks for feedlots over 1,000 animal units.
Approved. Increase setback to 350 feet.
- Increase staff in the Green County Land & Water Conservation Department beyond what is already planned.
Not approved.
Motion carried.

In committee concerns, Roth asked what could be done with the cattle being kept along the Sugar River, near Attica.

In public comments, it was discussed of bonding for manure storage, incorporating ATCP51 into county code, nutrient management dollars, and questions on the possible wind turbines.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 3, 2019, beginning at 10:00 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 11:30 AM.