

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, February 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. Those present were Oscar Olson, Erica Roth, Ken Hodgson, Kristi Leonard, Dudley Timm, Chris Newberry, Tonya Gratz, Tyler Newcomer, Jason Thomas, Teresa Zimmer, Todd Jenson, and members of the public.

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

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$6564.59. A motion was made by Leonard, second by Roth to approve the bills. Motion carried.

The review of the county farm lease was tabled until the March meeting.

Jenson reviewed the poster contest results. There were 42 entries this year. Two posters placed third in the Southern Area Contest and one place first and will move on to the state contest.

Jenson asked if anyone wishes to attend the Wisconsin Land and Water Conference. Leonard, Roth, and Thomas said they would attend a day.

The committee reviewed the 2019 cost-share applications. A motion was made by Hodgson, second by Leonard to approve the applications on page one and hold on the applications on page two until this summer to see how much funding is left. Motion carried. See attached.

The committee reviewed the most recent revision of the animal waste storage and animal feedlot ordinances and made comments and changes. Jenson will forward these on to Corporation Counsel.

Gratz gave an educational demonstration on runoff of loose material as compared to absorption from a soil/carbon sponge structure.

Zimmer informed the committee the new temporary person starts next week. MFP deadline is today. There is a new farm bill, but no new policy has been released yet.

Thomas informed the committee the EQIP deadline ended November 16 with 84 applications. The next deadline is May 17.

Gratz informed the committee the Farmers of the Sugar River annual meeting will be March 5 at the Albany Lions Club. On March 26 there will be a Shop Talk at Helena. The Producer Led

Workshop is next Tuesday, and the Cover Crop Conference is next Wednesday. Nutrient management planning updates will be held tomorrow and next Friday.

Newberry informed the committee he has been working on engineering plans. He is lining up Trout Unlimited members for work days. Groundwater awareness presentations will be held the week of March 4.

In committee concerns, Olson brought up the UW-Extension groundwater well testing program. This item will be on next month's agenda. He also brought up the thirty-day public notice regarding Grande's DNR permit. It was requested that Jenson request a public hearing on the permit reissuance.

In public comments, there were questions and comments on the manure storage ordinance. The groundwater well testing program was well received.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 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 11:35 AM.