

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, August 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. Those present were Oscar Olson, Erica Roth, Jeff Williams, Kristi Leonard, Dudley Timm, Tonya Gratz, Tyler Newcomer, Teresa Zimmer, Jason Thomas, and Todd Jenson.

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

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$22,166.16. A motion was made by Leonard, second by Williams to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Jenson reviewed the agenda for the SAA summer tour that Green County is hosting August 22.

Newcomer informed the committee he is resigning on August 9.

Zimmer informed the committee crop certification was extended to July 22. There were 348 farmers that reported prevent plant. DMC signup started June 17. They have made 342 January – June payments. She went through the 2019 MFP payment rates. ARCPLC training will be August 21 and 22 in Wausau. Becky Hardyman will be retiring in October and they are able to replace the position. CRP deadline is August 23.

Thomas informed the committee there will be a signup for floodplain easements. He mentioned that Tony Strenz has been doing a lot of construction with \$1.4 million in EQIP contracts.

Gratz informed the committee she spoke at the soil sisters program last Friday. There was a Farmers of the Sugar River field day yesterday. She has begun to work on CREP contracts.

Newcomer informed the committee he has been helping Tony Strenz with installing approximately two miles of streambank work. He has also assisted with surveying and planning of another six projects.

Jenson informed the committee he has been planning the Southern Area Tour and doing the fieldwork portion of CREP contracts.

Gratz ran the rainfall simulator highlighting runoff and infiltration from tilled soil, no-tilled soil, long term pastured soil, and three-year managed grazing pasture soil.

In committee concerns, Roth informed the committee that Southwest Badger RC&D is still having council meetings to finish out grant contracts. She is resigning her position as Green County's delegate to the association. Jenson briefly reviewed the ATCP51 recommendations to changes in that program. Gratz informed the committee on the Southwest Wisconsin water testing project in Grant, Lafayette, and Iowa counties. They are testing a subset of wells that had bad samples in the first round of sampling to see if the problem is from humans, bovines, or swine.

There was no public.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 5, beginning at 10:00 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 11:25 AM.