

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, November 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. Those present were Oscar Olson, Erica Roth, Jeff Williams, Kristi Leonard, Ken Hodgson, Dudley Timm, Tonya Gratz, Chris Newberry, Tony Strenz, Teresa Zimmer, Dave Tarrell, and Todd Jenson.

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

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$5189.93. A motion was made by Leonard, second by Williams to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Dave Tarrell presented the 2020 wildlife damage budget in the amount of \$6395.14. A motion was made by Leonard, second by Roth to approve the budget. Motion carried.

Jenson informed the committee that 2020 cost-sharing applications are being taken until the end of the year. There is \$64,350 in bonding and \$20,000 in nutrient management to distribute.

The 2020 spring tree order has begun, and orders will be taken until the end of the year.

Jenson gave an update on ATCP51 (Livestock Facility Siting). The final draft version was supposed to be voted on today by the state DATCP board. This item has been pulled from the agenda and now will not be brought up again until 2022.

Gratz gave an educational demonstration on arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi. The benefits of this fungi is that it increases nutrient absorbing surface area, promotes efficient nutrient uptake, makes for better phosphorous storage capabilities, better utilization of organic nutrient resources, increased tolerance for disease and drought, and improve soil structure.

Zimmer informed the committee the market facilitation program deadline is December 6. The 2020 dairy signup ends December 13. Farmers need to make an appointment by next Friday for certifying fall seeded crops. ARCPLC signup will start in January. There will be a general CRP signup starting sometime in December.

Strenz informed the committee they are currently taking EQIP signups. In the past year, he has designed 12 EQIP contracts and implemented 36 practices on those contracts. He has planned 11 projects for 2020 so far.

Jenson informed the committee he wrote 17 CREP contracts in the last signup. He helped with the Southwest Wisconsin land judging contest held near Lancaster. He has sent in and received the staff and support reimbursement from DATCP. He has sent in the CRP Contribution Agreement reimbursement with NRCS. He installed 28 CREP signs. He shared pictures of a manure spill. A concrete wall broke on a small pit. There was hardly any rebar in the wall and no backfill against the wall, causing the collapse. The landowner is working on cleaning up the site.

Gratz informed the committee she is working on the next round of manure storage inspections. There are ten landowners with 17 pits to look at. Two are done so far. She is done recruiting for the nutrient management classes. There are five farmers for the classes. She has been working on some NOD's (notice of discharge) and getting them back in compliance.

Newberry informed the committee he has been working on designs and the tree program. He stated the Corp of Engineers responded to a couple of his projects in a timely manner. This is unusual, as they normally respond after a project is completed.

There were no committee concerns.

There was no public.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 9, beginning at 10:00 AM at the USDA Service Center.

A motion was made by Leonard, second by Hodgson to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.