

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Green County Courthouse
County Board Room
1016 16th Avenue
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, September 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. Those present were Erica Roth, Jeff Williams, Kristi Leonard, Nick Hartwig, Dudley Timm, Oscar Olson, Teresa Zimmer, Austin Loeffelholz, Tonya Gratz, and Todd Jenson.

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

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$1950.84. A motion was made by Olson, second by Hartwig to approve the bills. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the job descriptions for Conservation Technician and Soil Conservationist. A motion was made by Roth, second by Hartwig to approve the job descriptions with one change in the Soil Conservationist Education section to add the words "is preferred" for the NRCS design approval for applicable conservation practices. Motion carried.

Jenson reviewed the 2021 budget. The budget has a decrease of 3.49%. A motion was made by Williams, second by Roth to approve the budget and send it on to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Gratz gave an education demonstration on compaction. There is less compaction on no-tilled fields as compared to tilled fields, because of the air pockets around the soil particles. She demonstrated how to use a penetrometer. She discussed how wheel tire pressure affects compaction. She also went through tips to reduce compaction.

Jenson read a written report from NRCS. Sara Strathman resigned effective July 31. Dana Wedig refilled the position on August 17. Tony Strenz received a promotion to Civil Engineering Technician and will cover multiple counties. August has been spent working on CRP and training Dana. There is a proposal progressing for rebidding office space.

Jenson informed the committee he has been working on CRP contracts and the budget.

Gratz informed the committee of the popup field day held at Bob Zurfluh's farm.

Loeffelholz informed the committee he has been working on CRP contracts.

Zimmer informed the committee their office has been working on CRP. Crop certification will continue until around September 20. There is talk of a second CFAP. Farmers can do updates for ARCPLC yields for the years 2013 – 2017. Applications for a new employee have not been received. She is hoping to receive that list by next week. Their office is looking at reopening in the future.

There were no committee concerns.

There were no public comments.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 5, beginning at 9:30 AM.

A motion was made by Olson, second by Timm to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.