

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Thursday, January 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM. Those present were Erica Roth, Jeff Williams, Kristi Leonard, Nick Hartwig, Dudley Timm, Oscar Olson, Teresa Zimmer, Jason Thomas, Dave Tarrell, Austin Loeffelholz, Tonya Gratz, and Todd Jenson.

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

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$4359.02. A motion was made by Olson, second by Timm to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Dave Tarrell presented two wildlife damage claims. One was for Mike Kundert for soybean damage in the amount of \$1142. The other was for Pat Miller for beehive damage in the amount of \$188. A motion was made by Timm, second by Olson to approve the claims. Motion carried.

Gratz presented a grant from DATCP to the Farmers of the Sugar River, a producer led watershed group, in the amount of \$14,700.

Jenson reviewed the 2021 cost-share applications. There is \$61,750 to allocate. A motion was made by Roth, second by Hartwig to approve the projects that were recommended. Motion carried.

The committee members voted on the poster contest. Results are as follows: Grades 2 – 3, first place Logan Derendinger, St. Victors, second place Pearl Hillary, St. Victors, and third place Brenna Engels, St. Victors; Grades 4 – 6, first place Hadara Ramerez, Juda, second place Telina Gratz, Monroe Middle, third place Audrianna Schraufnagel, Monticello; Grades 7 – 9, first place Kalena Riemer, home school, second place Harley Schneider, Monroe Middle; Grades 10 – 12, first place Sophia Roth, home school.

The Wisconsin Land and Water Conference will be March 2 – 5 and held virtually. Committee members were given the conference schedule to review.

Jenson reviewed a possible well permitting problem. He is working with Corporation Counsel to reword our ordinance to make sure permits are in place before the well is drilled.

Jenson has invited specific members of the public to attend a meeting on updating the Land and Water Plan. No other agency staff will be invited to this meeting. It looks like it will be January 19.

Gratz informed the committee there will be an informational meeting today at Jerry and Barb Daniels. Farmers who have planted green will be speaking on what they have learned from trying the practice. Gratz went through some tips on how to be successful in planting green.

Jenson discussed items from the last department head meeting. He told them of the history of bill approvals. The department head could approve bills up to \$1000, bills of \$1000 - \$5000 needed committee approval, and over \$5000 needed Finance Committee approval. He informed the committee that some departments are looking into hiring a runner for delivering mail and other packages.

Loeffelholz informed the committee he has orders for 9850 trees.

Gratz informed the committee that February 11 is the Wisconsin Cover Crop Conference. She discussed the nutrient management farmer training. There will be five different days for training on this. She is also working on a farm that put in manure storage without installing the fencing.

Zimmer informed the committee that CFAP2 ended December 31. DMC has ended with 150 applicants. There is a CRP signup from January 4 – February 12. ARCPLC signup goes until March 15. Dudley Timm was reelected to their committee.

Thomas informed the committee there were 55 EQIP applications in the last signup. The ranking deadline is January 29. A new Soil Conservationist has been selected, but there is no official start date.

There were no committee concerns.

There were no public comments.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 4, beginning at 9:30 AM.

A motion was made by Williams, second by Olson to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.