

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Thursday, May 6, 2021

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, Tony Strenz, Austin Loeffelholz, Tonya Gratz, and Todd Jenson.

Leonard announced a public hearing for the 2021 Green County Land and Water Resource Management Plan. There were no public at the hearing, but Jenson mentioned he had a couple of changes to make to the plan and Gratz said she had found a few things as well. Jenson went through his response to four questions from the Land and Water Board regarding implementation covering the past five years and future directions. A motion was made by Williams, second by Hartwig to approve the plan. Motion carried.

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

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$11,163.47. A motion was made by Olson, second by Timm to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Gratz did an educational demonstration with a tabletop rainfall simulator. It showed how water can or can't infiltrate soils under different management like a tilled soybean field, chopped corn stalks, and a multi-species cover crop after wheat.

Strenz informed the committee he now works for the Area Office and covers Green and Lafayette counties. He has been working on cover crops, waterways, and tree planting. There is a limited EQIP signup. The process for doing streambank work is changing. There are changes to operations and programs with the new administration.

Zimmer informed the committee the CRP signup is ongoing. There is talk of an increase to soil rental rates. They have begun working on crop certification and mailing out maps. Their office now allows one customer in the office at a time, with an appointment. They have a Quality Loss Program with mainly those with wheat crops participating. She is working on a senatorial and congressional investigation.

Gratz informed the committee there will be pop-up field days for the Farmers of the Sugar River covering planting green, roller crimping, and interseeding. She is working on a Notice of Discharge from the DNR. The landowners want to change the current plans, as material prices have increased greatly. There is some streambank work going in, and she has been out on some waterways.

Loeffelholz informed the committee the tree sales are done. 9850 trees were sold. The tree planters have been used by seven landowners this spring. He is working on a barnyard and has been doing CREP checks.

Jenson informed the committee he has been working on the Land and Water Plan. There are some waterways being built. He told of the planned gypsy moth spraying to be done in the area of County C and Church Road. He also discussed with the committee the possibility of some school class group to possibly cleanup and repaint the tree planters.

There were no committee concerns.

There were no public comments.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 3, beginning at 9:30 AM.

A motion was made by Timm, second by Olson to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM.