

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Thursday, August 5, 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, Tony Strenz, Meaghan Rafferty, Austin Loeffelholz, Tonya Gratz, and Todd Jenson.

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

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$6134.98. A motion was made by Williams, second by Roth to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Jenson informed the committee that the illegal manure pit constructed in Spring Grove township has been emptied, broken apart, and filled in.

Jenson informed the committee he has put out bids for a new truck. He has sent a letter to each town chair asking if anyone wants to update the Farmland Preservation Plan. The 2022 preliminary plan has an increase in staffing of \$16,879 and an increase in cost-share bonding of \$3750.

Loeffelholz informed the committee some waterways have been recently constructed and he has been doing CRP field checks.

Rafferty informed the committee she has been working on CRP.

Zimmer informed the committee there is a new pandemic livestock indemnity program. COC elections are coming up for area 1. There are four candidates. Crop reporting has been completed. They are doing cleanup of ARCPLC records. They are taking CRP signups and emergency haying and grazing of CRP is available now. One staff member recently transferred to the Dane County office. Currently they are not able to refill the position.

Gratz informed the committee she has been doing construction checks on waterway and streambank work. She has working on curbing a manure runoff issue. Letters have been sent to leaders in the Honey and Richland Creek watersheds to see if there is interest in starting a producer led watershed group. Producer led grant applications are due September 27.

Strenz informed the committee he has been working on designs and construction and briefly explained a new climate smart program.

In committee concerns, Williams brought in pictures of a manure pile close to a road. Gratz stated she had previously talked to the landowner about moving the pile to the top of the hill.

There were no public comments.

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

The group left to tour urban runoff control at the St. Victors parking lot, CREP and streambank improvement near Oakley, toured Jeff William's farmstead, Three Waters Reserve for lunch and a history of the property, the headgates of the Mill Race, the Halfway Tree, and a tour of Ten Eyck apple orchard.

A motion was made by Olson, second by Williams to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.