

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Thursday, June 3, 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, Jason Thomas, Meaghan Rafferty, Austin Loeffelholz, Tonya Gratz, and Todd Jenson.

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

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$33,691.32. A motion was made by Olson, second by Hartwig to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Roth and Jenson gave a report on the Southern Area Association meeting. The DATCP portion of the proposed budget has not come before the state legislators. Counties will be notified when that happens. Iron and Florence counties requested \$500 from each area association to help with printing costs of a booklet they created on shoreland erosion control. This was approved. Lafayette County has postponed the summer tour again. Dane County stepped up and said they could do a short tour at the Anderson Farm County Park. The poster contest was discussed. The southern area has had a state winner each of the last two years. Dane County staff is still working from home and have a goal of September 7 to be partially back in the office. The legislative committee is looking at requiring nutrient management plans with no cost-sharing.

Jenson informed the committee the state Land and Water Board approved our Land and Water Resource Management Plan on Tuesday.

Jenson informed the committee of an illegally constructed manure pit. Gratz and Jenson are working on having it cleaned out and removed.

Gratz gave an educational demonstration on curly dock, teasle, wild parsnip, and poison hemlock.

Jenson informed the committee he has been working on the land and water plan and construction of waterways and a stream crossing. He asked about having a tour with the committee in August or September. A land judging contest was also brought up.

Zimmer informed the committee they are waiting to hear the new soil rental rates for CRP. All applications for the Quality Loss Program were approved. They are in the process of crop reporting and have 17% completed. They did 1979 farms last year.

Thomas informed the committee their office has been doing waterways, tree planting, and prairie planting. There was a small signup for trout streams. Ranking is due by June 18. Meaghan and Matt are working on completing 32 status reviews.

Gratz informed the committee she is working on Farmland Preservation status reviews. There was a Farmers of the Sugar River popup field day last week to show planting green and roller crimping. On July 13, Nick Faessler plans to host a summer field day.

Loeffelholz informed the committee he has been receiving Auto Cad training. He has been scheduling the native prairie seeder for CRP. He did the powerpoint for the land and water plan and has been making videos for the department's website.

In committee concerns, Williams asked what happens with the manure storage inspection reports that are being done. Timm mentioned someone who might clean up the tree planters if one of the local schools could not.

There were no public comments.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 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 10:30AM.