

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Thursday, October 7, 2021

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

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

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$21,319.12. A motion was made by Roth, second by Hartwig to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Dave Tarrell presented the 2022 wildlife damage budget and the 2021 crop prices. A motion was made by Williams, second by Olson to approve the budget in the amount of \$6241.75, approve the set crop prices, and to establish December 1 as the date that 90% of the crops will have been harvested. Motion carried.

Gratz informed the committee that youth conservation day was held yesterday at Honey Creek Park. There were 88 students from Monticello, Monroe Parkside, and a homeschool group. There were twelve stations the students went through.

Loeffelholz turned in his resignation. Today is his last day. He took a position with Delta 3 Engineering in Platteville as a surveyor.

Jenson informed the committee of a well that was ordered to be abandoned by the court system has been completed. He did a rent contract renewal for the Cty. C Radio Tower property and the New Glarus Salt Shed property. A two-year extension on our Farmland Preservation Plan was approved by DATCP. The Southwest Wisconsin land judging contest is planned for next Thursday near Attica.

Zimmer informed the committee of the current commodity loan rates. For ARCPLC, there is no ARC and a small payment for PLC. They are able to advertise for one of the two open positions. Everyone in the building needs to be fully vaccinated by November 22.

Thomas informed the committee that about 55 CRP/CREP contracts were recently completed. They are working on cover crop implementation. There is an EQIP signup until November 19.

Gratz informed the committee she had been preparing for Youth Conservation Day. She wrote a newspaper editorial on why not to have bare soil. She has been working with a program called EVAL to target which watersheds have the highest soil loss.

Loeffelholz informed the committee he did a soil judging video of Jenson. The tree sale is underway.

Williams gave a thanks to staff for how good his streambank work looks. He also asked how long it takes for native prairie to establish.

There were no public comments.

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

A motion was made by Olson, second by Williams to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.