

## GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Green County Courthouse  
County Board Room  
1016 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, January 6, 2022

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

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

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$15,070.68. A motion was made by Olson, second by Roth to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Gratz informed the committee she had applied for \$22,000 for a Producer Led Watershed Protection Grant from DATCP for the Farmers of the Sugar River. The entire amount was approved.

Jenson passed out registration and break out session overviews for the Wisconsin Land and Water conference to be held in Wisconsin Dells, March 2 – 4.

Conservation posters were voted on. Results are in grade 2 – 3: 1<sup>st</sup> Alexis Speer, St. Victors, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aliyah Shelton, St. Victors, 3<sup>rd</sup> Clara Veeder, St. Victors. Grade 4 – 6: 1<sup>st</sup> Pearl Hillary, St. Victors, 2<sup>nd</sup> Calie Bradt, Monroe Parkside, 3<sup>rd</sup> Teresa Gratz, Monroe Middle. Grade 7 – 9: 1<sup>st</sup> Telina Gratz, Monroe Middle. Grade 10 – 12: Sophia Roth, Homeschool.

Jenson shared the applications for cost-sharing with the committee. There is \$65,500 from DATCP to allocate. Most of the applications have been surveyed and designing has begun. Cost estimates for projects are not completed. Tabled approvals until the next meeting.

Gratz gave an educational demonstration on corn roots and discussed their water, fertilizer, and micronutrient needs.

Jenson informed the committee he has been out surveying projects and has finished up the CRP contribution agreement for the second half of 2021.

Gratz informed the committee she is working with Wisconsin Women in Conservation on educating them on various conservation practices and where to turn to for financial assistance. The Farmers of the Sugar River annual meeting will be February 15 at the Albany Lions Club.

Wallner informed the committee she has been surveying and is now working on designs. The tree sale has concluded.

Zimmer informed the committee the 2022 ARCPLC signup is going on until March 15. They have been reduced to only allow 25% of staff to be in the building at a time. The Dairy Margin Program started in December and will go on until February 18. They had nine applicants for their vacancy. She is able to hire one person for sure, but is hoping to get two. James Gempeler was elected to be on their county committee.

Thomas informed the committee that Ashley Letcher started as an Administrative Assistant through a contracted service on December 21. There will be a new person starting in Darlington soon and Matt Miller will be transferring over to the Monroe office. They have 40 EQIP applications that need to be ranked by February 7.

In committee concerns, Williams asked if anyone had heard of some upcoming rules on nitrogen and phosphorus at the State Senate. He had heard they backed off on restrictions and limits and were now encouraging cover crops. Roth mentioned a clean water referendum and asked if our office would look into it.

There were no public comments.

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

A motion was made by Williams, second by Timm to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.