

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, May 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. Those present were Jeff Williams, Kristi Leonard, Nick Hartwig, Dudley Timm, Sue Nelson, Peg Sheaffer, Brian Bucholtz, Jason Thomas, Tess Wallner, Tonya Gratz, Teresa Zimmer, and Todd Jenson.

Jenson asked for nominations for a Chair of the committee. A motion was made by Williams to nominate Leonard as Chair. Timm made a motion to close the election and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Leonard asked for nominations for a Vice Chair of the committee. A motion was made by Leonard to nominate Williams as Vice Chair. Timm made a motion to close the election and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

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

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$3052.53. A motion was made by Timm, second by Hartwig to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Jenson gave handouts to the committee members on LCC member resources and LCC handbook. He asked for a volunteer to be on the Southern Area Association committee. Nelson agreed to be on the committee.

Wallner gave an update on the tree sales. All trees were sold, although six people did not show up to get their trees. Those trees were offered to county employees and were quickly purchased. There should be approximately \$8000 in profit from the sale.

Gratz gave an update on yesterday's Youth Conservation Day. There were students from Northside, Abe Lincoln, St. Victors, and Juda. There will be another Youth Conservation Day next week for sixth grade students.

Nelson brought to the committee an advisory referendum to add to the November election ballot on the right to clean water. The committee was unsure of the suggested wording for the ballot and decided to table the issue until next month.

Gratz showed a video that was done with the Farmers of the Sugar River and UW-NPM program, Dan Smith of how to make adaptations to older corn planters to convert them into no-till planters.

Jenson informed the committee he helped out with tree sales and Youth Conservation Day, has been working on CRP contracts, and made a presentation to the ARPA committee, to ask for funding for a park/boat ramp in Martintown and extra funds for cost-sharing conservation practices.

Thomas informed the committee there is a small second round of EQIP applications that are due May 20. There are a couple of waterways being constructed.

Zimmer informed the committee there was one general CRP offer accepted. They are working on continuous CRP contracts that will start on October 1. There is no March payment for the milk program. They are taking ARCPLC late files. Landowners are coming in to pick up their maps for crop certifications. She has recently been conducting interviews to hire another staff.

Wallner informed the committee she worked with tree sales and Youth Conservation Day. She has been working with the new producer led watershed filming demonstrations. She has been working on designs and receiving training.

Gratz informed the committee she worked on Youth Conservation Day, has been working with Soil Sisters on land walks, and has started a soil temperature study.

There were no committee concerns.

There were no public comments.

There was nothing in any other business.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 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 10:45 AM.