

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Green County Courthouse
1016 16th Avenue
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, August 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM. Those present were Kristi Leonard, Sue Nelson, Nick Hartwig, Jeff Williams, Jason Thomas, Tess Wallner, Tonya Gratz, Teresa Zimmer, and Todd Jenson.

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

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$5967.80. A motion was made by Williams, second by Hartwig to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Gratz presented a Farmland Preservation notice of non-compliance for Russell and Sue Torkelson. They have not been following their conservation plan. A motion was made by Nelson, second by Williams to approve the non-compliance violation. Motion carried with Hartwig voting no.

Gratz and Nelson gave a report on the Kewaunee County groundwater issue presentation they attended.

Jenson informed the committee the department has secured another \$50,000 Contribution Agreement with NRCS for working on CRP.

Wallner gave a report on the field day held yesterday for the Honey Rich Pec watershed group.

Gratz gave an educational demonstration on the germination of various cover crop seeds.

Jenson informed the committee he spent a couple of days with members of DATCP staking perpetual CREP boundaries. Spring Grove Dairy is completing the earth work on pit 4 and will soon be installing the HDPE liner. He has supervised construction for tile breaks, grass waterways, and stream crossings. He and Wallner have been doing CRP field checks.

Zimmer informed the committee crop certification is winding down. They have been working on the Emergency Relief Program for losses in 2020 and 2021. They are working on CRP contracts for October 1 start dates and have doing field checks for wild parsnip complaints. Interest rates are up 1%. They have hired 2 new staff and have a staff retirement coming at the end of September.

Thomas informed the committee they have been working on CRP, RCPP, and EQIP contracts. Conservation compliance reviews have been completed. They are planning a field day on October 1 to be hosted by the Wisconsin Woodland Owners and the Walnut Growers Association. They have hired a new Soil Conservationist.

Wallner informed the committee she has been GPSing wells. She attended an event for Wisconsin Women in Conservation. She took a survey training class and has been working on construction plans. She and Jenson have been doing CRP field checks.

Gratz informed the committee she has been doing land walks for Wisconsin Women in Conservation. Each contract developed for these walks pays \$500 to our department. There is a Soil Sisters event tomorrow at Katy Dickson's. She has been working with the Farmers of the Sugar River in planning for the end of this year and the grant application for next year.

In committee concerns, Williams noted a manure pile that is placed in or near a waterway. He also asked what the setback is for a manure pit to a property line. The question was also brought up on where the wastewater from the Juda Truck/Tank wash goes.

There were no public comments.

In any other business, Jenson informed the committee the Southern Area Association tour is scheduled for August 31 in Lafayette County. He also informed the committee he received the Preliminary Joint Allocation Plan which shows an increase in staff and support by 4.2% and an increase in bonding by \$6000.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 8, beginning at 9:30 AM.

A motion was made by Williams, second by Nelson to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.