

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, June 2, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM. Those present were Kristi Leonard, Dudley Timm, Sue Nelson, Peg Sheaffer, Jason Thomas, Tess Wallner, Tonya Gratz, Teresa Zimmer, Johnson Bridgewater (via zoom), and Todd Jenson.

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

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$2899.40. A motion was made by Timm, second by Nelson to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Jenson gave a report on the recent Southern Area Association meeting. Jenson is the Area Coordinator, Wallner is the Secretary/Treasurer, and Nelson is the alternate LCC member for the WI Land and Water Board of Directors. He discussed liability insurance for the summer tour, DNR permitting issues, and the water study (SWIGG) results from Grant, Lafayette, and Iowa counties.

Jenson gave a report on the well abandonment court hearing. Judge Vale gave the defendant until June 6, to get the well abandoned.

The committee discussed a resolution authorizing placement of an advisory referendum on clean water for the November ballot. A motion was made by Nelson, second by Shaeffer to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Gratz gave an educational demonstration. The week of June 20 is pollinator awareness week. There are 20,000 bee species in the world, 3600 species in the United States, and 400 species in Wisconsin.

Jenson informed the committee he has been staking CREP fields, signing CRP contracts, and has lined up Blackhawk Technical College to be the host for the state land judging contest for 2023 and 2024.

Thomas informed the committee there has been a lot of tree and prairie planting. Some waterways have been built and they are working on compliance checks.

Wallner informed the committee they did not get the grant for the new producer led watershed group. They plan on having some events this summer and fall. She has been staking out CREP fields and is now the Secretary/Treasurer of the Southern Area Association.

Zimmer informed the committee interest rates have increased ½%. All maps have been mailed out for crop certification. July 15 is the deadline for completion. They have a new program, ERP, Emergency Relief Program. It is for natural disasters and bad weather. Phase 1 is for those with NAP or crop insurance. Phase 2 is for those non-insured, but must get crop insurance for two years.

Gratz informed the committee she has been doing land walks for the soil sisters. She has started the Farmland Preservation status reviews and continues the soil temperature study weekly. She is going to checkout a streambank project today that has just been completed.

In committee concerns the question was asked about the streambank work being done in Monticello for phosphorous trading with their wastewater treatment plant. One member commented it looks like the county farm was tilled.

There were no public comments.

There was nothing in any other business.

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

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