

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, September 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM. Those present were Kristi Leonard, Sue Nelson, Nick Hartwig, Dudley Timm, Peg Sheaffer, Jeff Williams, Ashley Letcher, Tess Wallner, Tonya Gratz, Teresa Zimmer, Matthew Wallrath, and Todd Jenson.

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

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$24,328.95. A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Hartwig to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Gratz brought up the question on having a field day on composting dead animals. Discussion followed. It was decided to table this item until next month.

Wallrath gave an update on what the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association has been doing in Green County. He also presented a Cooperative Agreement between their association and Green County. A motion was made by Timm, second by Hartwig to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

Truck bids were presented to the committee. A motion was made by Nelson, second by Hartwig to select the bid from Dearth Motors for a 2023 V8 Ram in the amount of \$44,698. Motion carried.

Jenson presented the 2023 budget. It is down 2.19%. A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Hartwig to approve the budget and send it on to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Jenson informed the committee he has been working on CRP and prepping for the land judging contest.

Zimmer informed the committee a new staff member is starting Monday. One other new hire backed out. They have been working on DMC, late files, and complaint spot checks.

Wallner informed the committee she has been working on CRP, DNR permits, and GPSing wells. She attended the SAA tour and a field day in Lancaster.

Letcher informed the committee she has been working on CSP payments, CRP, and attended CD training. A new staff is starting October 11.

Gratz informed the committee youth conservation day will be October 5. She has been doing Soil Sister land walks. There is a Farmers of the Sugar River pasture walk tomorrow. She has been working on a grant application for them as well. There is an upcoming meeting with the DNR regarding the Pioneer Valley and Legler School Branch watershed projects.

In committee concerns, Sheaffer asked about ARPA funding.

There were no public comments.

In any other business Jenson informed the committee the staff is planning a bus tour for the committee during the November 3 meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 6, beginning at 9:30 AM.

Gratz gave an educational demonstration on the cover crops planted in a pot in front of the building. This plot is to simulate covers after harvesting wheat. These plants should all winterkill.

A motion was made by Timm, second by Williams to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.