

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, May 4, 2023

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

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

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$6124.36. A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Nelson to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Gratz gave a report on yesterday's Youth Conservation Day. Monroe Northside, Monroe Abe Lincoln, St. Victors, and Juda attended.

Wallner gave a report on the tree sales. Trees sold were down, but number of orders were up. All the bills are not in yet, but should have a profit of about \$12,000.

The Southern Area Association spring meeting will be May 11. The summer tour will be hosted by Columbia County on June 23.

Jenson informed the committee they have an interview scheduled next Monday for the summer intern position.

Gratz gave an education demonstration comparing an apple with the earth. She showed proportions of the apple representing ocean water, deserts, mountains, cities, and pavement that are not farmable. All that was left of soil for farming was a small slice of apple peel.

Jenson informed the committee he has been working on CRP, tree sales, and streambank construction.

Fischer informed the committee NRCS has three CSP contracts, 14 EQIP contracts, have been working on CRP and burn plans, and helped out with the Youth Conservation Day.

Wallner informed the committee she ran the tree sale, has been GPSing wells, had a Green County Clean Water field day, and has construction starting tomorrow.

Gratz informed the committee she recently did ten biomass samples for the Farmers of the Sugar River. She did the planning for the Youth Conservation Day. The Farmers of the Sugar River have a field day on May 23.

In committee concerns, Nelson announced the Queen Bee award Gratz received at the WiWiC conference. Hartwig asked about the lack of erosion control on a construction site south of Monroe. Williams asked Wallner how the drone license process was going. Timm asked about the vertical tillage being done on corn stubble at the county farm.

There were no public comments.

There was nothing in any other business.

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

A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Nelson to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.