

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center  
1627 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue West  
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, November 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM. Those present were Kristi Leonard, Peg Sheaffer, Dudley Timm, Jeff Williams Nick Hartwig, Dave Terrell, Zach Venchus, Jasmine Wyant, Tess Wallner, Tonya Gratz, Jason Thomas, Teresa Zimmer, and Todd Jenson.

A motion was made by Timm, second by Williams to approve the September minutes. Motion carried.

The committee audited the bills in the amount of \$8041.00. A motion was made by Williams, second by Hartwig to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Jenson informed the committee the new truck is here. A topper is ordered and should be installed in four to five weeks.

A cooperative service agreement between Green County and USDA-APHIS was presented. A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Timm to approve the cooperative service agreement. Motion carried.

Venchus and Terrell presented the proposed crop prices in case of a damage claim. A motion was made by Hartwig, second by Williams to approve the proposed crop prices and to set December 1 as the day that 90% of the crops will be harvested. Motion carried.

The 2024 wildlife damage budget was presented in the amount of \$4705.97. A motion was made by Hartwig, second by Sheaffer to approve the budget. Motion carried.

Wyant presented a cooperative service agreement between Green County and the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association. A motion was made by Hartwig, second by Timm to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

Wyant discussed having an exotic pet surrender day next year. This topic will be brought back for discussion in the future.

Gratz gave a report on the youth conservation day held October 4. Three schools attended.

Jenson gave a report on the county and state land judging contests.

Jenson informed the committee he has been doing CRP field checks and has looked at some possible construction projects for next year. The land judging contests took up a lot of time. There is one streambank project that is about to start.

Thomas informed the committee the EQIP signup has ended. There is a possible government shut down on November 17. The state conservationist, Ty Larson, recently passed away unexpectedly.

Zimmer informed the committee the fall seeded crop certification deadline is November 15. They are waiting for a new farm bill. The livestock forage program signup goes until January 31. They have a new employee that has started.

Wallner informed the committee she attended the Health in Conservation summit with Tonya and two members of the Health Department. We have a new GPS unit. Green County Clean Waters received a DATCP grant for \$19,388. The tree sale has started. We are offering ten tree and three shrub varieties.

Gratz informed the committee she is working with the LAUNCH program through the Monroe High School. She is working on a P stratification study on four farms with Chealsy Zegler. The Farmers of the Sugar River received a DATCP grant for \$26,142. She had a biomass popup field day in October. She has six land walks to do for WiWiC and is working on having a nutrient management class this winter.

There were no committee concerns.

There were no public comments.

There was nothing in any other business.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, January 4, beginning at 9:30 AM.

A motion was made by Williams, second by Hartwig to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.