

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, April 4, 2024

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

A motion was made by Nelson, second by Timm to approve the March minutes. Motion carried.

The committee audited the bills in the amount of \$6170.79. A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Hartwig to approve the bills. Motion carried.

A Farmland Preservation Plan rewrite contract with Southwest Regional Planning Commission was presented to the committee, with a project cost of \$10,000. A motion was made by Williams, second by Nelson to approve the contract. Motion carried.

Clean Sweep fliers were passed out to the committee members. The program will be held on August 21 at the Monticello Recycling Center.

The joint DATCP/DNR 2025 grant application was presented to the committee in the amount of \$214,859 for staffing, \$80,000 in bond funds, and \$20,000 for nutrient management funds. A motion was made by Hartwig, second by Nelson to approve the application. Motion carried.

Jenson explained to the committee why the department is giving back \$35,737 to the General Fund for the 2023 fiscal year.

Wallner showed the committee the drone the department has recently purchased. A video was shown of Gratz winning the Outstanding Soil Conservationist award at the annual conference.

Jenson informed the committee he has been working on CRP, Clean Sweep, a DNR permit, reviewing a manure storage structure application, Farmland Preservation and SWRM grants, and the annual plan of work.

Thomas informed the committee they have been signing EQIP contracts, with the deadline to sign tomorrow. They are working on CRP signups.

Wallner informed the committee she passed the drone test. Trees are being delivered next week. Our department was approved for another LAUNCH program with the Monroe High School. They will be working on updating and reorganizing our department website.

Gratz informed the committee she has been working on nutrient management plans. There will be four nitrogen test plots within the county this year. Youth Conservation Day will be May 1.

There were no committee concerns.

There was no public comment.

In any other business, Jenson informed the committee the summer intern we planned on having took a full-time job with another company instead. We will now be offering the position to the next person on the list. He also informed the committee the Southwest Wisconsin land judging contest will be next Thursday, near Lancaster. The staff and committee thanked Williams and Nelson for their service on the committee.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, May 2, 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 10:50 AM.