

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, June 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM. Those present were Kristi Leonard, Peg Sheaffer, Nick Hartwig, Paul Roemer, Erica Roth, Dudley Timm, Tess Wallner, Tonya Gratz, Jason Thomas, Jenna Allison, Gary Wild, Don Wild, David Wild, Betty Coleman, Ken Vandenberg, Summer Hollis, Todd Jenson, two other members of the Wild family.

A motion was made by Roth, second by Sheaffer to approve the May minutes. Motion carried.

Thomas reviewed the NRCS civil rights and freedom of information act responsibilities.

Jenson gave a report on the Southern Area Association meeting that was held recently.

There are LCC member trainings coming up across the state, the closest being in Jefferson on June 28. Any committee member that wishes to attend should contact Jenson, so he can get the registration done.

Sam Wilke entered the meeting. Introductions were made by all in attendance.

The committee discussed a possible notice of non-compliance in the Farmland Preservation Program on Rolling Richland Acres. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Hartwig, second by Timm to table this item until the next meeting. Motion carried.

The committee audited the bills in the amount of \$4875.68. A motion was made by Roth, second by Hartwig to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Gratz informed the committee she was recently contacted regarding a possible application for a Regional Conservation Partnership Program grant. They are requesting a letter of support from the committee. A motion was made by Roemer, second by Sheaffer to have a letter of support written. Motion carried.

Jenson asked the committee if they would like to do a tour of Green County. The committee members thought October would be a good time to do a tour.

Gratz did a tabletop rainfall simulator showing the amount of runoff and infiltration on soil with residue cover and no-till, compared to tilled soil with no cover on it.

Jenson informed the committee he spoke at the county board workshop. The clean sweep application for 2025 has been submitted. He attended a pre-construction meeting for a freestall barn, with a large manure storage structure. He attended the drainage board meeting and had a meeting with SWRPC on the Farmland Preservation rewrite.

Thomas informed the committee he has been working on compliance reviews. There were 16 complaints turned in for reviewing. The Sand County RCPP signup ended recently.

Wallner informed the committee she has been using the drone. The LAUNCH program with the Monroe High School recently completed their project. The students updated a few pages on our website. She has been working on construction plans, GPSing wells, and CRP.

Gratz informed the committee she has been working with a local farmer who has a large pile of manure. She is going to have the DNR get involved with the issue. There is an upcoming Farmers of the Sugar River field day on the 18th, east of Monticello.

Allison informed the committee she has been out on farm visits, attended meetings, has done a radio program, and has been helping with the planning for the Farmers of the Sugar River field day.

There were no committee concerns.

There was no public comment.

There was nothing in any other business.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, August 8, beginning at 9:00 AM.

A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Roth to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.