

## GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Thursday, May 2, 2024

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

Jenson asked for nominations for Chair of the committee. Timm nominated Leonard. There were no other nominations. On a voice vote, Leonard was pronounced Chair.

Leonard asked for nominations for a Vice Chair. Sheaffer nominated Roth to be Vice Chair. Roth declined. Roth nominated Sheaffer. On a voice vote, Sheaffer was elected Vice Chair.

A motion was made by Hartwig, second by Timm to approve the April minutes. Motion carried.

The committee audited the bills in the amount of \$15,887.29. A motion was made by Roth, second by Sheaffer to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Jenson requested a volunteer to be the Southern Area Representative for the committee. Roemer volunteered to be the representative.

Gratz gave a report on youth conservation day. Over 120 students from Monroe Abe Lincoln, Monroe Northside, and Juda attended. There were 14 stations for the students to engage in.

Wallner gave a report on the tree sale. 7000 trees were sold. There were 13 species. Mycorrhizal root dip and fertilizer packs were also sold. There was a net profit of \$5140 from the program.

The committee reviewed possible changes to 1-7-10 of the county code. The changes would include changing the number of members on this committee from six, up to seven and changing the wording on having the citizen advisory member, to a person who is actively engaged in an agricultural use. A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Roth to approve the changes. Motion carried.

Wallner took the committee outside to demonstrate flying the new drone.

Jenson informed the committee he helped with the tree sale, worked at the Southwest Wisconsin land judging contest, and has been working on CRP contracts.

Thomas informed the committee he helped with both the Lafayette and Green County youth conservation day. Waterways are being constructed. May 17 is the next EQIP deadline. Compliance status reviews will begin in 2 – 3 weeks.

Wallner informed the committee she spent a week on tree sales. She helped with youth conservation day. She attended a DATCP update meeting. The Land and Water staff are involved in a groundwater workgroup, and recently met with Rock County staff to see what they are doing.

Gratz informed the committee she was on a waterway construction. She is setting up some nitrogen use efficiency plots. Nutrient management plans are being written. Farmland Preservation status reviews will be starting soon.

In committee concerns, Jenson was requested to give an update on the drainage districts.

There was no public comment.

There was nothing in any other business.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, June 6, beginning at 9:00 AM.

A motion was made by Roemer, second by Timm to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.