

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, August 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM. Those present were Kristi Leonard, Peg Sheaffer, Paul Roemer, Erica Roth, Dudley Timm, Tess Wallner, Tonya Gratz, Jenna Allison, Gary Wild, Betty Wild, Don Wild, and Todd Jenson.

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

The committee discussed a possible notice of non-compliance in the Farmland Preservation Program on Rolling Richland Acres. This item had been tabled last meeting. After discussion a motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Roemer to have Leonard sign off on three Farmland Preservation contracts for Rolling Richland Acres as being in non-compliance. Motion carried.

The committee audited the bills in the amount of \$6265.36. A motion was made by Roth, second by Sheaffer to approve the bills. Motion carried.

The DNR recently shocked Bushnell Creek below Cty. J. It was not considered a trout stream. Our office has done quite a bit of work on it the past few years. They shocked 64 trout from 2 inches to 16 inches in length. The DNR is going to reclassify the stream from no classification to a class 2 trout water.

Jenson asked if anyone wished to attend the Southern Area Association summer tour in Rock County. He will get back to all committee members in a couple weeks for a final count.

Jenson gave an update on Clean Sweep. News releases and advertisements have been sent out to local papers. He received notice Green County was approved for funding of the program for 2025.

Gratz presented pictures and videos on the lifecycle of monarchs. Office staff found and raised an egg and two caterpillars to the butterfly stage.

Jenson informed the committee he has been working on CRP, advertising Clean Sweep, and has found sites for the county and state land judging contests.

Wallner informed the committee she had a Green County Clean Waters field day. She attended construction inspection training. She has signed up for a cover crop essentials course and has planted a cover crop plot at the county farm.

Gratz informed the committee she had a Farmers of the Sugar River field day. She ran the rainfall simulator at the fair grounds for 4-H participants. There is an upcoming microbiology workshop and a field day on johnson grass and shattercane. She is working on getting a manure storage structure emptied, that has been full and unused for quite a few years.

Allison informed the committee she helped with the field days, got to fly the drone over the nitrogen plots, and has been working on CRP.

There were no committee concerns.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, September 5, beginning at 9:00 AM.

A motion was made by Roemer, second by Timm, to convene into closed session under S.S.19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering the annual performance evaluation of the County Conservationist. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roth, second by Roemer to reconvene into open session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Roemer to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.