

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, October 3, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM. Those present were Kristi Leonard, Peg Sheaffer, Paul Roemer, Erica Roth, Nick Hartwig, Sam Wilke, Tonya Gratz, Chelsea Starr, Jasmine Wyant, Dan Hauck, Zack Venchus, and Todd Jenson.

A motion was made by Roth, second by Roemer to approve the September minutes. Motion carried.

The committee audited the bills in the amount of \$20,110.92. A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Roth to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Venchus presented the proposed crop prices for hay and grains for the Wildlife Damage program. A motion was made by Hartwig, second by Sheaffer to approve the crop prices and set December 1 as the 90% harvest date. Motion carried.

Venchus presented the 2025 Wildlife Damage budget in the amount of \$6798.58. A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Wilke to approve the budget. Motion carried.

Wyant presented the cooperative agreement between Green County and the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association for work to be done on aquatic invasives. A motion was made by Wilke, second by Roemer to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

Hauck was present to discuss the draft Farmland Preservation Plan. The public comment period has begun, and the public hearing will be at the beginning of the next Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting.

The Green County land judging contest was held at Russ and Nicole Meinert's farm. There were 17 schools and 184 students participating.

Youth conservation day was held yesterday at Honey Creek Park. Two schools, four classrooms, attended and rotated through 14 stations.

Jenson informed the committee he has been working on CRP status reviews and contracts, preparing for the county and state land judging contests, and taking applications for a new employee.

Gratz informed the committee she has been working on youth conservation day and there will be a nitrogen field day on October 16.

Starr informed the committee of the CSP signup deadlines.

There was nothing in committee concerns.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, November 7, beginning at 9:00 AM.

The committee took a bus tour of conservation practices in the southwest part of Green County.

A motion was made by Wilke, second by Roemer to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.