

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, September 5, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM. Those present were Kristi Leonard, Peg Sheaffer, Paul Roemer, Erica Roth, Dudley Timm, Nick Hartwig, Sam Wilke, Tess Wallner, Tonya Gratz, Jen Wallace, Jason Thomas, and Todd Jenson.

A motion was made by Roth, second by Wilke to approve the August minutes. Motion carried.

The committee audited the bills in the amount of \$4653.25. A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Roemer to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Wallner informed the committee she has accepted a similar position in Columbia County and her last day will be September 17. A motion was made by Timm, second by Sheaffer to accept the resignation and to refill the position. Motion carried.

Jenson gave a report on Clean Sweep. It was held at the Monticello Recycling Center. Two members of the Sheriffs Department were there to collect prescription medications, one member of the Health Department was there to help with registration, two people from Monticello to help with collection, and the three from our department to help with registration. There were 163 participants in the program.

Jenson reviewed the Clean Sweep budget with the committee. It is up dramatically, assuming the program goes as well in 2025 as it did this year. The committee asked if we could find sponsors to help offset the cost of the program. A motion was made by Roth, second by Timm to approve the budget and send it to the Finance Committee.

Jenson reviewed the Land and Water budget with the committee. It is up nearly \$25,000. This is mainly due to projected salary and fringe increases of \$33,000. A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Roth to approve the budget and send it to the Finance Committee.

Gratz gave an educational demonstration on how an infiltration test works and the results of testing at the county farm.

Jenson informed the committee he has working on CRP contracts and status reviews. He did the budget and is prepping for land judging contests. There was a meeting with our invasive species contact. She will be at the next meeting to give an overview of what has been going on.

Thomas informed the committee Emily Colson is leaving next month. A Soil Conservationist has been hired to replace her. They are also trying to hire a Technician. He has also been working on CRP contracts. They have been working on EQIP and CSP field checks and certifications. They have also been doing field visits for future EQIP contracts.

Gratz informed the committee she has been working on the Farmers of the Sugar River grant. She has been working on lining up the Youth Conservation Day. She has 5 or 6 WiWiC land walks to do.

Wallner informed the committee she has been flying the drone a lot. She is working on the Green County Clean Waters grant. She is trying to get the tree sale orders in and getting things wrapped up before her departure.

Wallace, the FSA CED, informed the committee the end of the fiscal year is approaching, and they are trying to get things cleaned up. They currently have a job opening. There is no news on a Farm Bill.

In committee concerns Timm asked if there was any news on the last meetings FPP decision. There was nothing.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, October 3, 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 10:20 AM.