

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, November 7, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM. Those present were Kristi Leonard, Paul Roemer, Erica Roth, Nick Hartwig, Sam Wilke, Dudley Timm, Tonya Gratz, Jason Thomas, Dan Hauck, Rob Somers, Sue Nelson, Jenna Jacobson, and Todd Jenson.

A public hearing was held on the Farmland Preservation Plan. Jenson gave some background on funding for the plan and Hauck gave some information on how the plan and maps were done. An extra page was added to the draft showing the amounts of tax credits each township could be eligible to receive. It was also noted of a formatting issue on one chart.

A motion was made by Wilke, second by Roemer to approve the Farmland Preservation Plan with the amendments and send it on to the County Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Timm, second by Wilke to approve the October minutes. Motion carried.

The committee audited the bills in the amount of \$27,121.79. A motion was made by Roth, second by Wilke to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Jenson gave a final report on Clean Sweep. Over 8000 pounds of material was collected. The agriculture portion of the bill was \$3358. The household portion was \$15,348. Newspaper ads were \$735.

Jenson and Roemer gave a report on the Southern Area Association meeting. The bylaws were changed from needing twelve members present to form a quorum (a mix of committee members and staff members from the eleven counties) down to six members. There will be upcoming training on Canva. There will also be training on dealing with different generations and difficult clients.

Gratz gave an educational demonstration on neonics.

Jenson informed the committee he has been working on CRP status reviews. There are some construction projects being done. The staff and support reimbursement and nutrient management annual report have been submitted. The state land judging contest was held at the Roger and Cheri Johnson farm near Juda. 203 students from 30 schools participated.

Thomas informed the committee Emily Colson left. Kristin Day and Justin Edgel started last month. The EQIP signup ended November 1. There were 57 applicants. The ranking deadline for them is February 1.

Gratz informed the committee she has been on a streambank/watering area construction project. She is working on SEG contracts for nutrient management and incentive payments for Farmers of the Sugar River. The 2025 grant applications for Farmers of the Sugar River and Green County Clean Waters were approved, but at a lower rate.

In committee concerns, Roemer said he enjoyed last month's tour. He asked what the purpose was of putting roof gutters on a barn. Leonard asked how the spending of ARPA funds was going.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, January 2, 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 10:10 AM.