

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, April 3, 2025

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

The committee reviewed the March minutes. Sheaffer requested an amendment regarding NRCS staff being let go throughout Wisconsin. A motion was made by Roth, second by Roemer to approve the March minutes with the amendment included. Motion carried.

The committee audited the bills in the amount of \$2311.22. A motion was made by Timm, second by Sheaffer to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Jenson reviewed the 2024 end of the year fiscal report. We will non-lapse \$9225 in Clean Sweep. We will also non-lapse \$11,158 for Farmers of the Sugar River. In the general Land and Water Conservation budget we will return \$11.25 to the General Fund.

Jenson reviewed the 2025 cost-share applications.

Jenson presented the 2026 Joint DATCP/DNR Nonpoint Source Grant application in the amount of \$226,524 for staff and support, \$100,000 for bonding, and \$20,000 for SEG funds. A motion was made by Wilke, second by Roth to approve the application. Motion carried.

Gratz gave a report on the meeting with DATCP and Rolling Richland Acres. They agreed to meeting voluntary compliance for the Farmland Preservation Program.

Jenson informed the committee he has been doing surveys, designs, DNR permits, CREP buyouts, and flagging contour strips.

Thomas informed the committee all contracted staff in Wisconsin were let go last Friday, which included Becky in our office. Another voluntary resignation signup has been offered. They ranked 40 EQIP applications and three were approved. He is working with six farms that were given a conservation variance last year and is trying to get them in compliance.

Jarosinski gave a report on the annual conference. Green County Clean Waters is having a field day on April 14. The tree sale will be the week of April 21. He passed his drone license test.

Gratz informed the committee Youth Conservation Day is May 7. Four schools will be attending. An AEA informational meeting was held. We are waiting for townships to contact us with interest. She will be talking to Green County Leaders next week. There will be a meeting on April 22 on the water testing results.

In committee concerns Roemer informed the committee there will be a 50th anniversary gathering at Muralt Prairie on April 13.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, May 8, beginning at 9:00 AM.

A motion was made by Roemer, second by Wilke to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.