

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, January 2, 2025

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

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 \$5654.26. A motion was made by Timm, second by Hartwig to approve the bills. Motion carried.

The department once again has a project through the LAUNCH program. This is a program offered through the Monroe High School for students to work on a special project for a Green County business. Our project is dealing with the Clean Sweep program. The students will input all the addresses of participants from last year and look at their distance from Monticello. The goal is to see if Monticello is the optimum location, or should we be holding the program at a different location.

The committee voted on the poster contest. In grades 2 – 3, first place was Donna Stuessy, second was Harper Mayer, and third was Isla Swanston. All are from St. Victors. In grades 4 – 6, Avarie Allen was first from Monroe Middle School, second was Karley Trame of Monroe Parkside, and third was Josie Hanson of Monroe Middle School. In grades 7 – 9, Madeline Cleveland of Clark Street Community School was first, Emily Czajkowski of Monroe Middle School was second, and Sawyer Meier of Monroe Middle School was third. In grades 10 – 12 Telina Gratz of Monroe High School was first.

Jenson and Gratz shared with the committee how the \$50,000 in ARPA funds have been spent and/or allocated.

Jenson handed out materials for the annual conference. Committee members may register if they wish to attend.

Gratz gave a short report on the WWASH conference she attended. There has been a 22% increase in cover crop acres since 2017.

Jenson informed the committee the Farmland Preservation Plan has been submitted to the state office for approval. He has submitted year end reimbursements for wildlife damage, bonding, SEG, FPP, and CRP. CRP status reviews were completed for the year.

Thomas informed the committee there were 58 EQIP applications. They are working on scoring them and doing designs before the February 7 deadline.

Gratz informed the committee our department will be taking over the water testing that UW-EX used to run. This year will be the four towns in the northwest part of the county. Samples will be

due to our office on March 3. The Farmers of the Sugar River annual meeting will be February 19 at the Albany Lions Club.

Jarosinski informed the committee he has been working on CRP status reviews and designs. Green County Clean Waters will be having a get together January 15.

There were no committee concerns.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, February 6, 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.