

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, March 6, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM. Those present were Kristi Leonard, Paul Roemer, Erica Roth, Nick Hartwig, Sam Wilke, Peg Sheaffer, Jason Thomas, Chelsea Starr, Kristin Day, and Todd Jenson.

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

The committee audited the bills in the amount of \$2834.27. A motion was made by Wilke, second by Hartwig to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Jenson reviewed the Southern Area Association poster contest results. Green County had a first, a second, and a third place with the four posters we had entered.

Jenson informed the committee he had applied for a \$10,000 summer intern grant with Only in Wisconsin Giving, Inc two months ago. He has not heard anything from them to date. A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Wilke to approve applying for the grant. Motion carried.

Jenson informed the committee the Farmers of the Sugar River produce led group has applied for a \$100,000 cover crop program grant with the Sand County Foundation. A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Wilke to approve applying for the grant. Motion carried.

Marcus Ott, Garrett Minder, and Addison Eckerty, students at Monroe High School, along with their teacher, Mr. Bordner entered the meeting. The students are members of the LAUNCH program. They did a presentation on the Clean Sweep program.

There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, March 13, at the Justice Center from 1:00 – 3:00, on Ag Enterprise Areas. All are invited to attend.

Jenson gave an overview of the 2024 annual report. A motion was made by Roth, second by Roemer to approve the report and send it on to County Board. Motion carried.

Jenson informed the committee he has been working on surveys, designs, attended the Farmers of the Sugar River annual meeting, spoke to the Green County Leaders, did the annual report, annual workplan, and annual DATCP survey. He also worked with the LAUNCH program students.

Thomas informed the committee there have been several NRCS staff mysteriously disappear in Wisconsin in the last month. There have been some in the FSA loan program leave as well. The continuing resolution to keep the government funded next due date is March 14. The NRCS office submitted 41 EQIP applications and only 3 were approved.

Starr had nothing for the committee.

Day informed the committee of her background.

There were no committee concerns.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, April 3, beginning at 9:00 AM.

A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Roemer to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.