

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, June 5, 2025

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

The committee reviewed the April minutes. A motion was made by Roth, second by Timm to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The committee audited the bills in the amount of \$9461.32. A motion was made by Roemer, second by Roth to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Gratz informed the committee the WiWiC funding has been cut from NRCS's budget, but Michael Fields will continue to support the program.

Jenson gave a report on the Southern Area Association meeting. Dues will be increasing from \$145/year, up to \$190/year. It was decided to get a coach bus for the summer tour, in case it is a hot day. Jefferson County is hosting the summer tour on September 4. More information will be forthcoming.

A report was given on Youth Conservation Day. Three schools attended and the students went through 14 stations. A discharge was noticed going into Honey Creek. The DNR was called. The discharge was traced back to the outflow from Badger State Ethanol. We are waiting to hear back on the results of the water sampling that was done, to determine what was being discharged.

The Sand County Foundation Farmer Led Fund grant has been approved in the amount of \$100,000. Applications will begin soon for farmers in the Sugar River watershed.

Clean Sweep will be held August 6 at the Monticello Recycling Center. Fliers for the event were handed out to the committee.

A video on mortality composting was shown to the committee. The video was created through the LAUNCH program of the Monroe High School.

Jenson informed the committee he has laid out some contour strips, helped with the tree sales, GPS'd wells, surveyed some projects, has been working on CRP, and training Mason on designs of stream crossings, watering areas, and streambank protection.

Jarosinski informed the committee he has been out surveying, designing projects, worked with the tree sales, and has been flying the drone.

Thomas informed the committee their office has done 35 compliance reviews. One landowner denied access to their land, so they are automatically out of programs. They are reviewing for crop rotations and gully erosion.

Gratz informed the committee there was a water informational meeting at the New Glarus High School for those that participated in the well testing program. About 60 to 70 people attended. Next year's program will be for the four townships in the northeast part of the county.

In committee concerns, Hartwig mentioned a septic tank that was only half emptied by the waste hauler. He will share that information at the next Zoning Committee meeting as well. Timm asked if the stream work in Honey Creek Park was completely done.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, August 7, 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 10:00 AM.