

## GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center  
1627 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue West  
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, October 2, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM. Those present were Kristi Leonard, Dudley Timm, Paul Roemer, Sam Wilke, Peg Sheaffer, Erica Roth, Tonya Gratz, Mason Jarosinski, and Todd Jenson.

The committee reviewed the September minutes. A motion was made by Roemer, second by Sheaffer to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The committee audited the bills in the amount of \$14,226.59. A motion was made by Roemer, second by Wilke to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Jenson informed the committee the status of the 2026 budget. The Clean Sweep budget was approved. The Land and Water Conservation was tabled to see if DATCP would fund a fourth position at 50%. Jenson went back for a second meeting with the Finance Committee. He explained by rule, DATCP can fund a fourth position, but they don't have the money to do that. The Finance Committee approved the Land and Water budget that has three staff.

The Green County land judging contest was held just west of Monroe. There were 144 students from 17 schools that attended. The Southwest Wisconsin contest was held in Brooklyn Township. There were 170 students from 19 schools that attended.

Gratz informed the committee the Youth Conservation Day went well. Monroe Parkside and Monticello participated.

Jenson informed the committee he has been doing CRP field checks, working with land judging contests and practices with four local FFA chapters, plus Blackhawk Tech, and has finished the Clean Sweep final report. Tomorrow he is attending a Train the Trainer event at Southwest Tech to teach high school ag teachers on how to land judge.

Jarosinski informed the committee he attended the Southern Area Association summer tour in Jefferson County and described the sites they visited.

Gratz informed the committee Honey Creek still has issues. She is helping Decatur Township with their AEA application. She has been working on the Sand County Foundation cover crop cost-share program.

In committee concerns green burials were addressed, (although this is not a Land and Water Conservation program), and the proposed sand quarry in Mt. Pleasant Township.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, November 6, beginning at 9:00 AM.

The committee was taken on a tour of northeastern Green County to view numerous conservation practices that the office has been involved with in the past few years.

A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Roemer to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.