

## GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Thursday, September 4, 2025

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

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

The committee audited the bills in the amount of \$37,655.75. A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Roth to approve the bills. Motion carried with Leonard abstaining.

Gratz informed the committee there was an informational meeting at the Decatur town hall for a possible Ag Enterprise Area. 13 people attended. Gratz will be working with the group to see if they wish to pursue the project.

The committee was asked if they wanted to have a county tour again. They were for the idea, but requested to have the meeting start an hour early, so it wouldn't take up the whole day.

Jenson reviewed the 2026 Clean Sweep budget with the committee. A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Roth to approve the budget and forward it to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Jenson reviewed two 2026 Land and Water Conservation budgets with the committee, one with three staff and one with four staff. A motion was made by Wilke, second by Sheaffer to recommend approval of the budget with four staff, but to also advance the budget with three staff in case the budget with four staff gets denied. Motion carried.

Gratz gave an educational demonstration on nitrates in water. She received a free test kit with 25 test strips from the Isaac Walton League.

Jenson informed the committee he has been working on CRP contracts and field checks. Two stream crossings have been constructed. The Farmers of the Sugar River had a cover crop planting field day. He attended the water quality coalition meeting.

Thomas informed the committee he has been working on CRP. They have been working on construction of a diversion. They have a large stream project on Brennan Creek where they put the stream back in the old stream bed. They are taking EQIP signups.

Gratz informed the committee the Farmers of the Sugar River grant is due next Friday. There are nine applications approved through the Sand County Foundation program. She has been working on Ag Enterprise Areas. A waterway was recently constructed. She is in the planning process for Youth Conservation Day. She passed out a flier for the Health and Conservation Summit.

In committee concerns the status of the retention pond behind the office was brought up and if Green County Clean Waters was going to put in a grant application.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, October 2, beginning at 8:00 AM.

A motion was made by Wilke, second by Roemer to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.