

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, January 8, 2026

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

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

The committee audited the bills in the amount of \$4167.25. A motion was made by Hartwig, second by Timm to approve the bills. Motion carried.

The committee discussed ag conservation easements. More information is needed about how to start a program on this. The item will be brought back in the future to discuss.

The committee voted on the youth poster contest. There were 81 posters entered in four divisions.

Jenson handed out informational materials for the WI Land and Water conference to be held March 4 – 6 in Wisconsin Dells.

Jenson and Gratz informed the committee of a nearly full manure storage structure that has not been used in five years. Our office has been trying to get the landowner to empty it but has failed to get it done. We have turned the matter over to Corporation Counsel.

Gratz gave an update on the Decatur Ag Enterprise Area. There are now parts of five townships involved.

Gratz informed the committee we are applying for a Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program grant. The plots would be on the county farm and two other farms.

The annual water testing program is set for the northeast quadrant of Green County. Water samples are due on March 2. A program for how to understand the results is set for May 12 at the Albany Lions Club.

Jarosinski informed the committee his producer-led group will be meeting on January 14 to discuss applying for a Sand County Foundation grant focusing on cover crops. The tree sale has been extended to January 31. He has been working on a map for the Decatur AEA.

Thomas informed the committee the EQIP signup deadline is January 15. Rankings are due by February 25. Chelsea recently had a baby.

Gratz informed the committee she sent out a Farmers of the Sugar River newsletter. February 18 is their annual meeting. February 13 and 20 are set for helping farmers write their own nutrient management plans.

Jenson informed the committee he has been working on CRP status reviews. He completed the CREP annual report. Four releases of recorded easements were done.

There were no committee concerns.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, March 12, beginning at 9:00 AM.

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