

## GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Green County Courthouse  
County Board Room  
1016 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, March 3, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. Those present were Jeff Williams, Kristi Leonard, Oscar Olson, Nick Hartwig, Dudley Timm, Tess Wallner, Tonya Gratz, Teresa Zimmer, Dave Tarrell, Matt Komiskey, Laura Scheckter, Norma Olson, and Todd Jenson.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved on a motion by Olson, second by Williams. Motion carried.

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$3517.56. A motion was made by Williams, second by Hartwig to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Dave Tarrell of the Wildlife Damage Program informed the committee there were three landowners issued shooting tags for deer damage. They held a goose roundup for the City of Monroe and collected 175 geese. There was one goose damage claim by Mike Kundert for wheat crop loss in the amount of \$941.06. There is a \$500 deductible, so the end amount is \$441.06. A motion was made by Timm, second by Olson to approve the claim. Motion carried.

Matt Komiskey and Laura Scheckter of USGS gave a presentation on an electromagnetic survey that will be happening soon in the southwest part of the state to study bedrock and groundwater depths.

Jenson informed the committee there was some turbulence in the state of having the FSA Representative on the committee with that same label behind his/her name. Some thought this may be a conflict of interest and that this representative would only be there to represent USDA. It was recommended for each county to have their Corporation Counsel look into a resolution. In talking with Brian Bucholtz, it was decided to have the County Board appoint Dudley Timm to the committee as a citizen advisor.

Every two years the Southern Area Association coordinator/secretary/treasurer changes, going alphabetically among the eleven counties. Starting this May, it will be Green County's turn to take on the responsibility.

Gratz gave a report on the Farmers of the Sugar River annual meeting that was held February 15 at the Albany Lions Club. There were 90 attendees, with 20 of them being high school kids from Belleville, Albany, and Juda. Keith Berns spoke on carbonomics, and Rodrigo Werle spoke on weed suppression.

Wallner informed the committee she has been working with some farmers to start a new producer led watershed for Jordan, Skinner, Honey, and Richland Creeks. They have applied for a \$4000 mini-grant from Mississippi State University.

Jenson informed the committee he has been doing a lot of online training. The annual reports for the state and county are done. The area engineers came down to do status reviews on some

of the projects he has recently done. Three CRP contracts have been created. Two CREP fields were staked out.

Wallner informed the committee she has been doing training as well. She has been working on designs and wrote the grant application for the new watershed group.

Gratz informed the committee she has been working on setting up the Conservation Youth Days. Besides fifth graders, this May will include a second day for sixth graders who didn't get to participate last year. She has been working on nutrient management plans and has also been receiving a lot of training.

Zimmer informed the committee of deadlines approaching. ARCPLC enrollment will end March 15. The pandemic cover crop \$5/acre payment will end March 15. The general CRP signup will end March 11. The Grassland CRP signup will run from April 4 to May 13. DMC ends March 25. Chantel Malkow resigned, and Chelsea Gruber started on Monday. FSA is hopeful to be soon advertising for another position.

There were no committee concerns.

There were no public comments.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 7, beginning at 9:30 AM.

A motion was made by Williams, second by Hartwig to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.