

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, March 12, 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, Sam Wilke, Tonya Gratz, Mason Jarosinski, Jason Thomas, and Todd Jenson.

The committee reviewed the January 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 \$4808.12. A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Timm to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Gratz and Leonard gave highlights of training sessions they went to during the WI Land and Water conference.

The northeast quadrant of Green County townships had 80 water samples submitted and taken to UW-Stevens Point for testing. There will be a meeting at the Albany Lions Club on May 12 on how to understand the results of the individual testing.

Jenson reported there were 24 pets surrendered at the exotic pet surrender day. There were 5 bearded dragons, 5 leopard geckos, 4 guinea pigs, 3 rabbits, 3 tortoises, 2 turtles, 1 cockatiel, and 1 African gray parrot.

There are 18 petitioners supporting the Decatur Initiative for rural preservation AEA that covers about 22,000 acres. A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Wilke to approve the application and send it on to county board. Motion carried.

Jenson presented the 2027 joint DATCP/DNR nonpoint source grant application in the amount of \$243,092 for staff and support, \$100,000 for bonding, and \$20,000 for SEG. A motion was made by Roemer, second by Hartwig to approve the application. Motion carried.

Jenson passed out fliers for Clean Sweep, which will be held August 19, at the Monticello Recycling Center.

The county farm lease expires this fall. Jenson asked if the lease should be bid out or work with the current rental on a 3 year extension. The committee suggested working with the current renter on an extension.

Jenson informed the committee he has completed the 2025 DATCP annual report, 2026 DATCP workplan report, and the 2027 SWRM application. He has been working on CRP status review reports and staking fields. He is working on the county annual report.

Jarosinski informed the committee he has been staking CRP fields, attended the watershed leadership conference, worked on the water testing program, and is working with the Sand County grant.

Gratz informed the committee the Farmers of the Sugar River annual meeting had over 60 attendees. She has done two days of nutrient management farmer education. Shop talk is next Tuesday and she has been working with the Green County water quality coalition.

In committee concerns, Roemer asked about the ag plastic recycling program that we have in the county.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, April 2, beginning at 9:00 AM.

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