

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, August 3, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. Those present were Kristi Leonard, Peg Sheaffer, Dudley Timm, Jeff Williams, Sue Nelson, Breanna Brooks, Tess Wallner, Tonya Gratz, Teresa Zimmer, Jason Thomas, and Todd Jenson.

A motion was made by Timm, second by Nelson to approve both the June and July minutes. Motion carried.

The committee audited the bills in the amount of \$6947.82. A motion was made by Nelson, second by Timm to approve the bills. Motion carried.

The committee discussed the possibility of transferring the administration of the Clean Sweep program to the Land and Water Conservation Department. A motion was made by Nelson, second by Sheaffer to have Land and Water administer the program. Motion carried.

The committee discussed rewriting the Farmland Preservation Plan. A motion was made by Nelson, second by Williams to table this agenda item. Motion carried.

Jenson passed out fliers for several upcoming field days.

The next Southern Area Association meeting is August 17 in Dodgeville. Nelson said she would attend.

Gratz gave an educational demonstration on stream water samples and the clarity of them. She attempted to sample the amount of nitrates in each one, but our testing kit reagent powder packets had expired.

Thomas informed the committee they have done six EQIP contracts. Their office did 32 conservation compliance reviews and gave five variances.

Jenson informed the committee the DNR contacted him in regard to a manure pile complaint. The landowner moved the pile that was next to the stream, to the top of the hill. He went out with DATCP staff to do a status review on a perpetual CREP easement. A weed identification training with the highway department staff was done. He did soil borings for a potential new manure storage structure. CRP status reviews have begun.

Zimmer informed the committee crop certification is complete, but if someone needs to late file it will cost them \$46. CRP emergency haying has been approved. Landowners can harvest 50% of the acreage with no penalty. There was one grassland reserve program offer approved. They are working on a new hire.

Brooks informed the committee she has made field day fliers, a newsletter, and a weed booklet. She has been doing CRP status reviews. August 10 is her last day.

Wallner informed the committee she is planning a bus tour for her producer led group. She is working on the DATCP watershed grant. She has been working on streambank plans and GPS'd new wells.

Gratz informed the committee she has been working on the DATCP grant application. Tomorrow is the soil sisters summer meeting near Argyle. She is one of the presenters.

There were no committee concerns.

There were no public comments.

In any other business, Jenson asked if the committee wanted to do a fall tour. They said to wait until next spring.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, September 7, beginning at 9:30 AM.

A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Nelson to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.