

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 13th, 2014

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Paul Kinney. Those present were Paul Kinney, Larry Sebranek, Richard Rasmussen, Duane Klang, Ken Anderson, Cathy Cooper and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Gary Peters arrived later in the meeting. JoAnn Cooley arrived to give the Farm Service Agency report. Don Seep was absent.

Motion made by Larry Sebranek to approve the agenda & proof of publication; second by Richard Rasmussen. Motion carried.

After hearing no objections or correction to the December 2013 minutes Chairman Kinney declared them approved as mailed.

There was nothing new to report on Ash Creek Community Forest at this time. Chairman Kinney did ask about the timber sale that happened last winter and as to where the money goes. The money went directly in the Ash Creek Fund for maintenance on the property.

Cathy turned the Mill Creek Watershed Report over to Ken Anderson; he stated that he and Mike Dreischmeier, NRCS Engineer, will be doing the dam inspections this spring. Cathy reported that there is one dam that still needs to be painted. They will also do a survey at the Popp dam to monitor any changes in a depression over the pipe.

Cathy presented the Working Lands Initiative Report. The Nutrient Management classes have begun so that the smaller farmers will be able to maintain their own management of the land and applying nutrients. Discussion followed on the Working Lands Initiative.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. Ken is working on surveying of projects for next season's construction.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist Report. The Southern Area Meeting is in Dodgeville this Thursday (1/16/14). Larry Sebranek will be attending the meeting with Cathy. Cathy filled the committee in on the Dennis Hatfield situation; Dennis still needs to finish the fencing and then the project will be done; we will be holding back \$4,500 to pay after the fencing has been completed.

There was no DNR report this month.

JoAnn Cooley gave the Farm Service Agency (FSA) report. There may be a 3 day extension on the farm bill to the 18th. JoAnn says that they feel confident that the farm bill will be signed by the 18th. There was a mix up on the ballots for the FSA committee members was mixed up and had to be reprinted and sent out again. Fall crop reporting is deadline is January 15th, 2014. Currently the office is working on updating producer maps and reconstitutions. There may be a need to cut 11 more people in the state.

Cathy gave a brief NRCS report as Carlton was not available. The CSP program sign up has been extended to February 21st, 2014. The office is currently working on ranking the EQIP (cost sharing) applications.

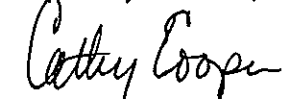
The January bills were presented as follows; CK Norman Development, \$1,898.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,106.15; Woodstock Nursery, \$292.00, Richland Center Shopping news, \$52.50; Richland Observer, \$33.00; WLWCA, \$1,268.00; Randy Heims, \$4,561.20; Gary Olson, \$6,479.20; Dennis Hatfield, \$184,500.00-\$4,500.00 will be held back until the fencing has been completed in the spring; Ken Anderson, \$105.84. Motion made by Larry Sebranek to approve the January Bills as presented, second by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

The next meeting is set by Monday February 10th, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Richard Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Cooper
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