

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 13th, 2015

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Larry Sebranek. Those present were Larry Sebranek, Marty Brewer, Virginia Wiedenfeld, Cathy Cooper, Ken Anderson, Gary Peters, Carlton Peterson, Marilyn Marshall, Kent Marshall and Tammy Cannoy-Bender

Motion made by Marty Brewer to approve the agenda as amended & proof of publication, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Motion made by Virginia Wiedenfeld to approve the March 2015 minutes second made by Marilyn Marshall. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. Nothing new to report, the Parks Commission is looking at walking trails.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek Watershed Report. Nothing new to report.

Kent gave the Working Lands Initiative (Farmland Preservation) Report. Currently starting to lay out strips for the season, Tammy reported that the office has received approximately 50% of the self-compliance reports back. Cathy mentioned having a filing fee starting with the 2016 self-compliance reports. Other counties are doing this. Discussion followed, it was mentioned to maybe have the fee being the same as the zoning pumping report filing of \$15 with a late filing fee of \$30. This will be discussed more at a later date.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. He has 4 projects that need to be approved for contracts. Jesse Terry \$925, Ben Miller \$1,490, Moe Sweeney \$4,270 and Junlyn Farms \$2,265. Motion made by Virginia Wiedenfeld to approve these 4 for contracts, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried. Chad Johnson has a run off issue that would take all of the cost share funding for this year if we don't set a maximum. After further discussion regarding cost sharing, Cathy presented the committee with a cost sharing policy (copy attached to master minutes). Motion made by Virginia Wiedenfeld to have a maximum of \$20,000, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. Cathy is making application for a grant that addresses issues like the Chad Johnson one.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist Report. She is asking for the department to purchase a laptop computer as the office needs to be able to have the ability to upload the current SNAP PLUS program for Nutrient Management planning. After further discussion the motion made by Marty Brewer to allow Cathy to purchase a lap top computer up to the limit for the department head to purchase, second made by Virginia Wiedenfeld. Motion carried. Cathy will be making 2 Notice of Intent (NOI) Grant applications. These applications are for 2 different property owners that have had run off events. Motion made by Marty Brewer to move forward with the applications and also present them to County Board for resolution, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Cathy & Virginia both reported on the WI Land + Water conference that they attended in March.

There was no DNR report.

Joann Cooley, FSA is out of the office, Cathy gave a brief update.

Carlton Peterson gave the NRCS report; EQIP application have been processed and they currently writing contract. DALCI sign up will end on May 15th and the cover crop signup ends on June 5th. They had 37 CSP applications. State conservationist Jimmy Bramblett is looking at combining counties for a District Conservationist two oversee. This is not a good thing,

The April bills were presented as follows; CK Norman Development, \$957.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,113.78; Woodstock Nursery, \$1,194.00; Mark Parker, \$5,208.00; Forestry Supplies, \$334.00; Richland Observer, \$34.50; Kent Marshall, \$21.20; Cathy Cooper, \$23.81; Ken Anderson, \$252.35; Oakwood Fruit Far, Inc., \$6,524.00.. Motion made by Marilyn Marshall to approve the April Bills, second made by Virginia Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.

Chairman Larry Sebranek attended the RC&D meeting last month. Nothing much to report other than Cara has resigned her position

The next meeting is set for Monday May 11th, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Duane Klang to adjourn the meeting, second made by Marty Brewer. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Cooper
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