

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 9th, 2016

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman Larry Sebranek. Those present were Larry Sebranek, Paul Kinney, Gary Peters, Steve Williamson, Marilyn Marshall, John Turgasen, Cathy Cooper, Ken Anderson, Kent Marshall, and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. JoAnn Cooley arrived for her report.

Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the agenda & proof of publication; second made by Paul Kinney. Motion carried.

Cathy Cooper asked for any nominations for Chairman; Motion made by Paul Kinney to nominate Larry Sebranek for Chairman Second made by Steve Williamson, after asking for any other nominations three times motion was made by John Turgasen to cast a unanimous ballot for Larry Sebranek for Chairman, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Larry accepted the nomination and took over the meeting.

Motion made by Steve Williamson to nominate Gary Peters for Vice Chairman, second made by John Turgasen. After asking for any other nominations three times Paul Kinney moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Gary Peters for Vice Chairman second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gary Peters to nominate Steve Williamson for secretary second made by Larry Sebranek. After asking for any other nominations three times Larry Sebranek moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Steve Williamson for Secretary, second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gary Peters to appoint Tammy Cannoy-Bender as the recording secretary second made by Paul Kinney. Motion carried.

Southwest Badger RC&D representative was next; Motion made by Steve Williamson to nominate Gary Peters to continue attending the meetings, second made by John Turgasen. Steve Williamson moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Gary Peters to be the representative second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried. Paul Kinney volunteered to be the alternate, second to Paul Volunteering made by Gary Peters. Volunteering accepted.

Chairman Larry Sebranek approved the April minutes as mailed.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. Mowing of the Trails; Wanless Bulldozing will be mowing this year once a month in June for \$550.00 and then \$500.00 for July, August & September. \$50.00 an hour for any extra trimming and clearing of Branches along the trail. Motion made by Gary Peters to accept Wanless mowing with the understanding that if the grounds are too dry in July or August there would be no mowing, second made by Steve Williamson. Motion carried. Cathy also reported that the Parks Commission has been given a sprayer that could also be used to spray some of the trails. Thank you to Chairman Larry Sebranek for the work he did on the sign at the property on Highway 80, it looks great (picture in the master minutes file). Steve Williamson asked about maps for trails and the naming of the trails; this will be on the agenda for June.

Cathy and Ken gave the Mill Creek Watershed Report. Ken handed out pictures of the Huth Dam that the office had Reyzek Earth Moving LLC do some clean up at the inlet and moved thru dredging out the sediment to the original grade with the spoil being spread on the upland, Reyzek also worked on the Durst Dam; he removed the Willow tree that had roots have grown over the inlet and plugged it so the tree has been removed and the area has been cleaned up. Cathy reported on the Dosch Dam; the new owner wants the dam to be a dry dam, so we have been working with Gene VanDyck, DNR to work on slowly draining the water out of the dam starting in June with an end date in mid-September. Cathy also reported that since the County is looking at changing insurance the company they are looking at has been asking for information on the dams in the county that the County is responsible for maintenance on and the emergency plan that is in place for the dams should any of them breach.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. The office hasn't gotten approval from the state yet on the cost sharing we will be receiving as of yet but in the meantime the following projects need to be approved so when the cost sharing comes thru the contracts can be signed with the property owner. John Lord, Ken Gillingham and Brian Hillers are all well abandonments; Kathy Morsbach, Joe Funk and Norm Sandmire are dams and then Gerard Braun has a spring development. These projects are all Land and Water cost share projects. Then Dale Servais project is funded through a TRM (Targeted Resource Management) grant this is a separate pot of money that has already been approved. Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the Land and Water contracts when the money is available and the Dale Servais TRM grant. Second made by Marilyn Marshall. Motion carried.

Kent gave the Farmland Preservation/Working Lands report. He has been doing a lot of Nutrient Management plans with some follow ups. A few contour strips have been laid out, not as many as in the past. Tammy reported on the new requirements needed for the certificate of compliance that all land owners will need if they are claiming state tax credit. There is a new access program that Katy Vosberg, DATCP has put together. This program will keep all of the information in one place and make it easier for our record keeping. There were no new Voluntary Non Compliance request. Discussion followed regarding contracts with the state, zoned townships and township maps.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report. First she reported that she attended the Southern Area meeting that was held last week in Fitchburg. She informed the committee that they need to decide who will be the voting representative for Richland County from this committee along with the alternate. John Turgasen made motion to have Randy Heims to be the voting representative for the Southern Area, second made by Steve Williamson. Motion carried. John Turgasen volunteered to be the alternate second made by Gary Peters. Cathy reported that the Southern Area Tour this year will be in Iowa County, she will need to know who on the committee wants to go by June 1st with money for the tour. Gary Peters will be going. Cathy also handed out information to the new committee member(s) and the annual report to the committee. She also received an email from Foremost Farms requesting a list of all of the manure storage permits in Richland County. Since the records are open to the public she will be sending out what she has.

Building Lease nothing to report.

There was no DNR report.

JoAnn Cooley gave the FSA report. Crop reporting has started, and post cards will be sent out for the mass crop reporting by the end of next week. There was 3 general sign up offers with 2 of them being accepted. There are a lot of continuous CRP interest that Judy will be reviewing. ARCPLC is about 98% completed with the others being caught during crop reporting. A new permanent employee may be starting either next week or the next pay period starting the last week of May. The new Temp employee is doing great, and will be working with crop reporting this year. She also has heard nothing regarding the building lease. Cathy reported that in the meantime the LCD office is in a holding pattern paying rent at last year's rate as the landlord doesn't want to negotiate the county lease until the federal lease has been done.

There was no NRCS report. Carlton is on Vacation.

There were no committee reports.

The May bills were presented as follows; CK Norman Development, \$957.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,157.92; Ken Anderson, \$155.55; Phil Grimm, \$32.97; Reyzek Earth Moving LLC, \$900.00; Cathy Cooper, \$64.77. Motion made by Paul Kinney to approve the May Bills; second made by Marilyn Marshall. Motion carried.

The next meeting is set for Monday June 13th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Gary Peters to adjourn the meeting, second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Cooper
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