

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 12th, 2016

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Larry Sebranek. Those present were Larry Sebranek, Paul Kinney, Randy Heims, Marilyn Marshall, Gary Peters, Cathy Cooper, Kent Marshall, Ken Anderson, Carlton Peterson, NRCS, JoAnn Cooley, FSA and director in training Nathalie and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Steve Williamson was absent.

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

Motion made by Paul Kinney to approve the August 2016 minutes second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Cathy had nothing new to report on for the Ash Creek Community Forest.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek Watershed Report. She and Ken have been out to inspect the dams after all of the rain that has fallen in the past week. The dams were full but have maintained. There may be need to clean out some of the inlet pipes.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. The Dale Servais project is complete. This project also had assistance from Trout Unlimited. The rock held even with all of the recent rain.

Kent gave the Farmland Preservation/Working Lands report. He had one land owner call regarding a renter. He had a good number of people stop in at the conservation building over the fair weekend with questions regarding the Nutrient Management Plans that need to be done. There were no voluntary non-compliances to report. Tammy & Cathy have asked the committee what to do with multi self-compliance reports for 1 land owner. After further discussion on this issue motion was made by Paul Kinney to have the initial report fee be \$15.00 with additional reports at \$5.00 each. Second made by Randy Heims. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report. Nothing much new to report. Went out to check all of the flood damage and took pictures. Both her and Ken were out on Thursday helping with clean up and getting the grounds ready for the fair this last weekend.

Wendy Warren gave an update on Southwest Badger RC&D activities for 2016 and what they are looking for in 2017 for assistance from the Conservation Department. The master letter of request and report is attached to the master minutes. After Wendy's report, Chairman Larry Sebranek asked Gary if he had anything to add to Wendy's report, he did not.

At this point Charmian Larry Sebranek dropped down to item 12 of the agenda.

There was no DNR report.

JoAnn Cooley gave the FSA report. Hannah Sorenson, the new full time hire, has left to go back home. This position has been advertised and hopefully interviews will begin next week. The temporary position hours will end at the end of the month. CRP contracts that have come in after August 31st. will be on hold until the national office knows how many acres will be available after the first of October. The computer system for the CRP will be shut down for them at the close of business on September 16th. Fall crop reporting will begin later than normal due to the recent heavy rains.

Carlton gave the NRCS report. EQIP programs are moving along, there are approximately 60 application that are being worked on. Once the applications have been screened and have high priority the ranking will begin after December 3rd and then by the end of March contracts should be signed. Fiscal year ends September 30th, 2016. Jean Kursave, the office interment employee will be done on September 23rd and will not be back until November 18th. As she can only have 180 days per budget year. Patti Jackson Kelly has moved back to Louisiana and her position currently is being temporarily filled by John White a couple days a week. The CSP program will be completer rewritten for the 2017 year with something for everyone. Along with this rewrite, the main "Toolkit" program that is used will also be rewritten.

The September bills were presented as follows; CK Norman Development, \$957.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,204.78; Wanless Bulldozing \$500.00; Gerard Braun \$1,404.29; Margaret Toney Estate Trust. \$371.00; Dale Servais & Wanless Construction, \$38,499.30; Dale Servais & Wanless Construction, \$2,940.00; Premier Coop. \$182.70. Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the September bills; second made by Randy Heims. Motion carried.

The next meeting is set for Monday October 10th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

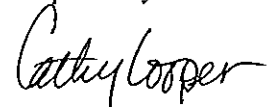
Building Lease. Cathy presented the committee with the layout that is a tentative layout of the reconfiguration of the existing space. JoAnn reported that everything is at a standstill at this point.

2017 budget. After reviewing the budget motion was made by Paul Kinney to approve the 2017 budget and send it on to the Finance Committee as Cathy presented it. Second made by Randy Heims. Motion carried.

Motion made by Randy Heims to adjourn the meeting, second made by Marilyn Marshall. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Cooper
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