

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2017

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Larry Sebranek. Those present were Larry Sebranek, Gary Peters, Paul Kinney, Marilyn Marshall, John Turgasen, Cathy Cooper, Ken Anderson, Kent Marshall, Carlton Peterson, NRCS, JoAnn Cooley, FSA, Tyler Dvorak, SWB RC&D, Robert Bauer, RC & D grazing Specialist, Juli VanCleve, DNR and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Steve Williamson was on the phone for the meeting.

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

Hearing no corrections or additions Chairman Larry Sebranek approved the August meeting minutes as mailed/emailed out.

Robert Bauer, South West Badger RC&D Grazing Specialist, gave an update on the grazing that is happening in the area and what is available for future farmers. Tyler Dvorak, also with SWB RC&D, he is the aquatic invasive species specialist and he gave an update on what he is doing in the area.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report; Conservation field days for the area 6th graders will be scheduled for early October. Don Wanless has done the final mowing of the trails for the year.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek Watershed Report; She & Ken have not gotten together with Mike Dreschmeier, NRSC engineer, regarding the flood proofing of the Dobbs home.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. Jay Carlson & Scott Gald projects are done for the season, there are a few more projects yet to do for the year.

Kent gave the Working Lands/Farmland Preservation report. Still working on plans and doing spot checks. Kent attended a snap plus training session at the campus

Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) plan update. This was left on the agenda from August by accident.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report; Josh Kramer, Applies Ecological Services, did the final spraying for the Japanese Knotweed, there will be a final bill in October, this will finish the grant for the project.

Conservation banquet will be October 25th at 7:00 pm this year. Motion made by John Turgasen to award Gary Kalish the Conservation Farmer of the year with Tom Clary as the alternate, second make by Paul Kinney. Motion carried. There will not be a Wildlife Award this year. DNR Foresters will have the winner for the Forestry Award.

Cathy, Ken & Kent attended the Southern Area Tour that was held in Grant County this year. Cathy reported on everything they did on the tour.

Juli VanCleve gave the DNR report. They are getting ready for fire season again as things are starting to dry out. Waiting for the State budget to be finalized. The managed forestry program has 3 different managers for Richland County.

JoAnn Cooley gave a brief FSA report; She will be here and Crawford County for the immediate future. Fall crop reporting will start this week until November 15th. The MPP dairy program has changed somewhat. She reported that there is a continuing resolution regarding their budget thru December 15th, 2017. CRP is still shut off with the only offering is the CREP program. September 30 is when all CRP contracts expire for this year and with all that has been happening with the need of money for FEMA not really sure what will happen with conservation money. ARCPLC payments come out in October and there is no guarantee that there will be any payments and if there are they may be small.

Carlton Peterson gave the NRCS report. He handed the civil rights information that he needs to have the conservation office and committee sign. This will be attached to the master minutes. The EQIP sign up has begun and the 2018 application deadline is October 20th, the CSP program is going along quite well with the 2017 CSP program has 13 obligated contracts. The CSP contracts that are expiring this year will have the option of be reconsidered and renew later this fall. The fiscal year is coming to an end and he has a lot of reports to complete. The vacancy has been announced and has been closed already for a soil conservationist in the Richland office. This position should be filled by the end of the fiscal year.

There were no Committee reports.

The September bills were presented as follows; CK Norman Development, \$595.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,176.71; Premier Cooperative, \$128.38; Don Wanless, \$500.00; Jay Carlson, \$11,626.65; Scott Gald & Randy Olson Trucking LLC, \$3,605.21; Scott Gald, \$233.62. Motion made by John Turgasen on to approve the September Bills; second made by Paul Kinney. Motion carried.

The next meeting is set for Monday October 9th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. There will no Federal employee.

General meeting finished up at 9:56am, the 2018 budget planning meeting continued on.

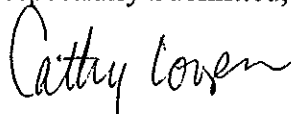
The 2018 budget was reviewed.

Motion made by Gary Peters to present the 2018 budget to the Finance/Personnel committee, second made by Marilyn Marshall. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Cooper
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