

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 13th, 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 and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Steve Williamson was on the phone for the meeting.

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

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

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report; Nothing new to report at this point.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek Watershed Report; Ken is still working on getting together with Mike Dreschmeier, NRCS engineer to get the flood proofing done.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report' Calnin's Dam is finished, Gene Hilby's cattle crossing will be extended to next year. We will be receiving approximately \$47,000 next year for cost sharing. Cathy presented a cost sharing contract with Joe Stadele nutrient management planning. Motion made by Gary Peters to go ahead with the cost sharing, second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried.

Kent gave the Working Lands/Farmland Preservation report; he is working on spot checks and assisting both Ken and Todd with surveying.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report; she missed the Southern Area meeting last month, the NACD grant is not something that the office will not use.

Wildlife Damages; Greg Cerven was not at the meeting, the harvest date and the setting of the commodity prices will happen at the December monthly meeting.

There was no DNR report.

Cathy gave a brief update for FSA as Joann Cooley was in Crawford County; there are a few people that still have not done their fall reporting of crops and they are due by Wednesday (11/15)

Carlton Peterson gave the NRCS report; Finishing EQIP contracts form 2017 for payments, working on new round of 2018 applications that need to be processed by December 1, 2017. There will be an additional sign up for May 15th, 2018 with the focus on cover crops. The DNR has been giving a lot assistance for EQIP contracts with forestry issues. New State Conservationist, Angela Banks is wanting to go back to local control with local work groups. CSP program is moving along nicely

Cathy gave a quick report for FSA

There was no committee member reports. There is a new employee with SWB-RC&D for invasive species.

The November bills were presented as follows; CK Norman Development, \$595.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,305.25; Premier Cooperative, \$154.93; R&K Tire & Auto LLC, \$67.95; Heavenly White Catering, \$552.00; Cathy Cooper, \$13.77; American Legion, \$40.00; Greeley Signs, \$31.90; Riverway Trucking Hackl Construction LLC & Norbert Calnin, \$6,780.20; New Tech Solutions, Inc., \$859.00 Motion made by Paul Kinney on to approve the November Bills; second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

The next meeting is set for Monday December 11th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by John Turgasen to adjourn the meeting, second made by Marilyn Marshall. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy Cooper".

Cathy Cooper
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