

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 12th, 2014

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Department Head Cathy Cooper. Present were, Larry Sebranek, Gary Peters, Marty Brewer, Marilyn Marshall, Virginia Wiedenfeld, Cathy Cooper, Kent Marshall, Ken Anderson, Duane Klang, and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Jake Elder, DNR, JoAnn Cooley, FSA and Carlton Peterson, NRCS arrived later in the meeting.

First thing on the agenda was the election of officers. Motion made by Virginia Wiedenfeld to nominate Larry Sebranek for Chairperson; second made by Duane Klang. After asking for any other nominations Virginia Wiedenfeld moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Larry Sebranek as chairperson Gary Peters made the second. Nomination carried.

Larry accepted the nomination and took over the meeting.

Motioned by Marty Brewer to nominate Virginia Wiedenfeld for Vice Chairperson; second made by Duane Klang. After asking for any other nominations Gary Peters moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Virginia Wiedenfeld as Vice Chairperson, Duane Klang made the second. Nomination carried.

Motioned by Marty Brewer to nominate Gary Peters for secretary; second made by Duane Klang. After asking for any other nominations Virginia Wiedenfeld moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Gary Peters as Secretary, Marty Brewer made the second. Nomination carried.

Motion made by Gary Peters to appoint Tammy Cannoy-Bender as the recording secretary; second made by Marty Brewer. Motion carried.

Next was the election of the committee member as representative to the Southern Area Representative. After some questions as to the responsibility of this position, Virginia Wiedenfeld nominated Chairman Larry Sebranek to be the county representative, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. Motion made by Marty Brewer to nominate Virginia Wiedenfeld as the alternate; second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. Now was the appointment of a staff member to be the Southern Area representative. Motion made by Virginia Wiedenfeld to appoint Cathy Cooper as the employee representative to the Southern Area committee and to have Ken Anderson as the alternate second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried

Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the agenda & proof of publication; seconded by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the April 14th, 2014 meeting minutes; second made by Marty Brewer. Motion carried.

Chairman Larry Sebranek reported that the Southwest Badger RC&D (Resource Conservation & Development) will be meeting in June. Cathy reminded everyone what they do.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. She gave a brief update as to when the property was developed in the late 70s' early 80s'. This public property is used by many people and the DNR

Cathy gave the Mill Creek Watershed report. She explained to the committee about the dams and the inspections that need to be done every few years. Ken Anderson and Mike Dreischmeier, NRCS Engineer, went out to inspect the dams already this year. There are a few things that need to be done yet.

Kent gave the WLI (Working Lands Initiative) report. He, Cathy and/or Ken have been working on laying out contour strips, Tammy has mailed out second notice reminders for self-compliance with farm plans. All of the NR151 reporting (nutrient management plans) have been updated in the computer.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. First he explained to the committee what he does. He also presented 6 different contracts that need the committee's approval; they are Harry Young – Well Abandonment; Bill Perkins – Waterway; Tom Shields – Fencing/Crossing; Steve Saucke – Crossing; Gene Hilby – Dam and Jay Carlson – Dam. Motion made by Gary Peters to approve all of the projects; second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Tammy informed the committee briefly about the conservation banquet that happens in October and is held at the Richland Center Community/Senior Center.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report; she handed out some information including the annual report that will be available for County Board. She also informed the committee of the different agencies that we work with and who will be making monthly reports to the committee.

There was no UW Extension report.

There was no Wildlife Damage Report.

Jake Elder gave the DNR report. The DNR staff works with the Land Conservation office in maintaining the Ash Creek Community Forest.

JoAnn Cooley gave the FSA report. They are slowly getting information regarding the new farm bill that was signed a few months ago. A disaster program has started that are taking applications for.

Carlton Peterson gave the NRCS report. He explained what he and his office do. He is slowly getting information as to what he will be able to offer for contracts. Cathy explained that the county office works together with the NRCS field office in keeping all of the area property owners up to date and in compliance with the various programs that they may be involved in.

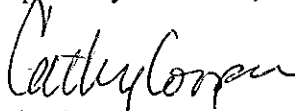
At this point Chairman Larry Sebranek spoke about recycling their bunker plastic. He asked if the FSA & Conservation field office would hand out fliers that have be developed regarding the recycling of this plastic.

The following bills were presented; CK Norman Development, \$949.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,127.43; Ken Anderson, \$148.40; Tammy Cannoy-Bender, \$30.24. Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the May Bills as presented second made by Duane Klang. Motion Carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 9th, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Marty Brewer to adjourn the meeting; second made Duane Klang Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Cooper
Secretary Pro Temp
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