

**Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 8th, 2014**

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chairman Larry Sebranek. Present were, Larry Sebranek, Gary Peters, Marty Brewer, Marilyn Marshall, Virginia Wiedenfeld, Cathy Cooper, Kent Marshall, Ken Anderson, Duane Klang, and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. JoAnn Cooley, FSA, Carlton Peterson, NRCS and the DNR Foresters were absent.

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

Motion made by Marty Brewer to approve the August 11th, 2014 meeting minutes; second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Larry had a Personnel/Finance Committee meeting the day of the Southwest Badger RC&D meeting, so no one attended. Virginia Wiedenfeld will attend meeting in the future when Larry is not available for the meeting.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. The Conservation Fields Days will be October 7th & 9th. There will be no back up dates Ken has spoken with Don Wanless about a little more mowing that will need to be done for the field days in October. Ken reported that he sprayed the willow trees with chemical (crossbow) that was provided by the DNR. Discussion regarding the mowing of the trails as July and August seem to be drier months and the mowing of the trails don't really need to be done. It was suggested that next year the mowing should only be for 4 mowing May, June, September and the July or August mowing will be at the conservation office discretion.

Mill Creek Watershed, nothing new to report.

Kent gave the WLI (Working Lands Initiative) report. Kent attended a nutrient management planning meeting otherwise nothing new to report. He has been doing spot checks on properties that are in the program.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. Trying to get a few more projects done before the snow flies but the contractors are extremely busy at this time of year. We are able to carry over projects if needed to next season (2015).

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report. The deer donation program for this season is ready for her signature, she explained the program. The committee approved participation in the program back in February. Spraying for the Japanese Knotweed has been done for this year. Southwest Badger RC&D is working on another invasive plant "Phragmites" this plant looks like pompous grass.

Conservation Award winners this year were discussed. Motion made by Virginia Wiedenfeld to nominate Tom Nee for Conservation Farmer of the Year, with the backup of Herb Bechtal, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. The Forestry Award was next, the DNR office usually makes the recommendation for this award, and since no one was available the committee will come back to this award. Motion made by Virginia Wiedenfeld to give Wildlife Award to Hank Maslach, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

There was no DNR report

Cathy gave a brief FSA report for JoAnn. The Dairy MPP program sign up has started and the deadline for this program is November 21st. ARC/PLC base letters went out, training for the program won't be happening until the end of September with the sign up to follow.

Cathy gave a brief NRCS report for Carlton. The EQIP sign up for the 2015 ranking season will end October 3rd.

The following bills were presented; CK Norman Development, \$949.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,222.30; Applied Ecological Services, \$1,800.00; Rhyme Business Services, \$47.88; Robert Johnson, \$897.00; Robert Johnson, \$1,268.75; Richland County Highway Commission \$173.76. Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the September Bills as presented second made by Marty Brewer. Motion Carried.

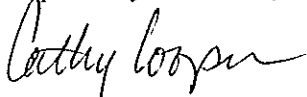
The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 13th, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

2015 Budget was reviewed and set. Motion made by Marty Brewer to approve the budget and forward it on to the Personnel/Finance Committee, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Virginia Wiedenfeld made motion to accept whoever the DNR selects for the Forestry Conservation Award, second made by Marilyn Marshall. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marty Brewer to adjourn the meeting; second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Cooper
Secretary Pro Temp
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