

Land Conservation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Larry Sebranek. Those present were Larry Sebranek, Marty Brewer, Gary Peters, Virginia Wiedenfeld, Cathy Cooper, Ken Anderson, Kent Marshall, Jake Elder, Carlton Peterson and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Marilyn Marshall and Duane Klang were both absent.

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

Motion made by Marty Brewer to approve the December 2014 minutes Second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. The trees in the upper part of the property that are in CRP are in need of pruning, Jake stated that they (DNR, Forestry) will look at the contract and get the plan done and forward on to the appropriate department.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek Watershed Report. Ken reported that the dams have been inspected and the main channel needs to be walked this coming spring.

Kent gave the Working Lands Initiative (Farmland Preservation) Report. We have several people that are looking into getting their Nutrient Management plans done this summer. Cathy reminded the committee that this time next year there may be a variety of non-compliances issued for those that do not have their Nutrient Management plans completed or if they wish to voluntarily opt out of the program.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. Extensions for a few of the projects have been sent in, the contractors were extremely busy this last year. There were a few Nutrient Management plans that got extended as we received the money late in the season for their contracts.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist Report. The WI Land + Water conference is in March and the first day is the day of the March committee meeting. Cathy will have a proxy vote for Larry to sign so Virginia can vote on his behalf at the conference. Cathy, Ken, Kent and Virginia will be attending the conference. The rooms have been scheduled with Ken & Kent sharing and Cathy & Virginia sharing. Dodge County is asking to have a resolution presented to the state regarding manure storage and spreading. Dodge County is having issues with contamination of wells. It was the committee's consensus that they did not want to get involved with Dodge County's issues.

Jake Elder gave the DNR report. He handed out a highlight report (attached to master minutes). The Ithaca School District has been granted the use of property in Willow Township for a school forest program, by doing this the school will receive free trees to plant.

Cathy gave a brief Farm Service Agency (FSA) report. JoAnn gave some information for Cathy to report. ARC/PLC program, Base/Yield adjustments has a deadline of February 27<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for selecting the program(s) that a land owner wishes to participate in is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. The NAP (Insurance) Program signup deadline is January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. JoAnn is training the new director in Grant County. She will be there 2 or 3 days a week for the next 4 months. This FSA office has been selected to be a training office for up and coming FSA Directors, so there may be some new faces seen around the office.

Carlton gave the NRCS report. The office is still ranking medium and low applications for this seasons EQIP program. The High ranking is done and there are 2 applications that should get funded, there are 16 applications that are ranked medium and they may get funded. There are over 30 applications that are considered low ranking and will probably not get funding this season. Still working on trying to get the Little Willow Watershed funded.

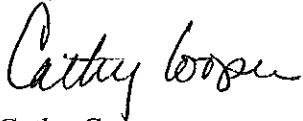
The January bills were presented as follows; CK Norman Development, \$1,914.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,074.83; Southwest Badger RC&D, \$2,500.00; Rhyme Business Products, \$47.28; WLWCA, \$1,316.55; Spring Hill Design & Awards, \$89.85; WI Land & Water, \$750.00; Ken Anderson, \$160.18; Southern Area Association, \$125.00; Woodstock Nursery, \$359.50. Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the January Bills as amended; second made by Virginia Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.

The next meeting is set for Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. The March meeting was also tentatively scheduled for Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Marty Brewer to adjourn the meeting, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Cathy Cooper  
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