

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 11th, 2015

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Secretary Marty Brewer. Those present were Marty Brewer, Cathy Cooper, Ken Anderson, Gary Peters, Marilyn Marshall, Duane Klang, Kent Marshall and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Virginia Wiedenfeld arrived late. Larry Sebranek was absent.

Motion made by Duane Klang to approve the agenda and proof of publication, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marilyn Marshall to approve the April minutes with the amendment of Duane Klang was present second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Ken Anderson gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. Nothing much to report, he and Kent along with the DNR foresters did a prairie burn.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek Watershed Report. Nothing new to report. The dams need to be inspected. The cradles at the outlet on some of the dams need to be replaced.

Kent gave the Working Lands Initiative (Farmland Preservation) Report. He and Cathy have been laying out contour and buffer strips. Tammy has sent out second notice of self-compliance. There have been a few land owners of smaller farms interested in having training for writing their own Nutrient Management plans. Cathy also reported that we are looking at starting to charge a filing/late fee for the self-compliance reports. This may get land owners that are not claiming the credit to call to have a voluntary non-compliance issued. The filing fees would be in line with the Zoning office filing fee of \$15.00 or \$30.00 for filing late. Cathy has asked about this charge and has not heard anything back. This will be on the June agenda.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. Access road for Jess Terry has been completed. There are three contract that need to be approved. Jim Stanek for a dam with cost sharing of \$8,000, Norm Sandmire for a dam with cost sharing of \$10,000 and Robert Johnson feed storage control system for the maximum cost sharing of \$20,000. Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the three contracts as Ken has presented them. Second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Cathy informed the committee that the 2 grants she applied for for Valley View Dairy and Ash Creek Dairy were not awarded at the April session with the state, we can try again in June, however that may be too late. The Department of Natural Resources will make them do the corrections before then.

Cathy also had some Nutrient Management contracts that need to be approved; they are as follows – Bluff View for \$3,399.20, Chris Parduhn for \$831.60, Dean Aide for \$3,194.80, Bob Johnson for \$7,000.00, Doug & Richard Munz for \$2,209.20, Doug Munz for \$716.80, John Sheahan for \$2,229.80 and Victor Swenson for \$1,484.00. Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the contracts as read. Second made by Marilyn Marshall. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist Report. Richland County will be the sponsor of the Southern Area Tour this year. We need to pick out the date and then schedule what/where we will visit (Virginia Wiedenfeld arrived). Some of the places could be Oakwood Fruit Farm, Franks Hill (the Indian Mounds off of State Highway 193), S&S Cycle, Junction View Dairy, Weggy Winery, and possibly Camp Creek as a drive by. Cathy will contact Oakwood Fruit Farm and contact Mark Cupp for Franks Hill. Then she will contact either Junction View or S&S Cycle. Once we have the tour stops scheduled we can check with having the luncheon at Oakwood and have Paula White for catering. We could all meet here at the conference room with coffee and donuts and go on from here. She also checked into the Killian Meyers building at the city park and at the County Fairgrounds conference room. We will need to finalize the date at the June meeting. Cathy spoke to the committee about the new phone system that will be happening for the Federal agencies in June and the County phone line will not be a part of it. Cathy spoke with Barb

Scott and she gave her the same thing that we could get through Wal-Mart for less money. The system that the office is looking at would be one phone with an answering machine and 3 additional handsets, by doing this we will be able to keep the 2100 line. The laptop computer is on its way.

Tammy reported that the spring tree sales went very well we had 43 orders for 4,250 trees. Our net profit for the year was \$400.00. The new balance in the tree fund is approximately \$1900.00. This will pay for the lap top computer, software and the new phones.

Cathy attended the Southern Area meeting on Thursday, they have changed the by-laws, so the next time Richland County has the Tour it will be 2026. The state will be moving to direct deposit for all of the money that we get for various things. Cathy also spoke about the state budget and what it may mean for the county.

There was no DNR report.

Joann Cooley, FSA is out of the office, Cathy gave a brief update. Crop reporting has begun.

Carlton Peterson, NRCS is out of the office. Cathy gave a brief report. The DALCI application deadline is May 15th, applications for cover crops and the bee initiative deadline is June 5th, and the CSP deadline is May 22nd. He has 25 compliance reviews that need to be done by June 30th. There will be a meeting May 26th & 27th in Wausau and there will be discussion of combining county field offices within the state. This is something that was done several years ago and it did not work. Motion was made by Virginia Wiedenfeld to have Cathy draft a letter to the State Conservationist in opposition of the combining of field offices and to have Larry Sebranek sign as Chairman of the Land Conservation Committee. Second was made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

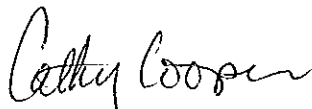
The May bills were presented as follows; CK Norman Development, \$957.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,073.15; Woodstock Nursery, \$92.00; Jess Terry & Wanless Construction LLC, \$462.50; Rhyme, \$73.85; Tiger Direct, \$308.91; J-Comp, \$297.00; Jess Terry, \$39.00; Tammy Cannoy-Bender, \$26.32; Cathy Cooper, \$66.05; Ken Anderson, \$46.92. Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the May Bills, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

The next meeting is set for Monday June 8th, at 9:00 a.m.

Virginia Wiedenfeld asked for the motion to adjourn. Motion made by Duane Klang to adjourn the meeting, second made by Gary Peters. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Cooper
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