

Land Conservation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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, Marilyn Marshall, Randy Heims, Cathy Cooper, Ken Anderson, Kent Marshall, Carlton Peterson, Greg Cerven, Dan Goltz DNR Biologist, Mike Bindl County Zoning Administrator and Tammy Cannoy-Bender.

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

Motion made by Randy Heims to approve the January 2016 minutes with the following correction on page 2 first paragraph second line crop sign up should read *CRP sign up* and on the third line down ARCPC program should read *ARC-PLC sign up* Second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Chairman Larry Sebranek dropped down to Item 10A. Wildlife Claims. Greg Cerven, Wildlife programs and Dan Goltz, DNR Wildlife Biologist, reported that all of the farms that had claims for damages met all of the requirements needed for their property. Motion made by Virginia Wiedenfeld to approve the wildlife claims as presented (list is attached to master minutes), second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. Greg also reported that all deer damage claim tags will have to be called in to the DNR to be registered.

Next Chairman Sebranek went to item #7A. Voluntary Non-Compliance request. Tom & Mary Rondeau, Gary & Carol Bulin, Gerard & Louis Solchenberger, Jim & Sharon Chitwood and William & Jaclyn Rehm. Motion made by Gary Peters to accept all the request present by Cathy and give her permission to sign the request and mail them to the proper state departments. Second made by Randy Heims. Motion carried.

#7B FPP update. Mike Bindl, County Zoning Administrator reported on the updated Farmland Preservation program had to be done by December 31, 2017. The plan has been updated and is currently waiting for Corporation Counsel to review it then the plan will be sent in to the state for final approval. We have found out from the state that property within the extra-territory of the City Richland Center that is exclusive agricultural zoned is eligible for the tax credit when the property meets the standards. In order for Richwood Township property owners to claim the Farmland Preservation credit the new plan has to be adopted. Cathy also reported that she & Kent have been working with farmers to get their own Nutrient Management plans done.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. Chairman Sebranek is working on the signs otherwise nothing new to report.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek Watershed Report. She has nothing new to report.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. He reported that the cost sharing dollars that the county will have available for the 2016 season is down by about \$10,000 from last year. He has been working with the SE chapter of Trout Unlimited on Dale Servais' property. Dale has property on the Little Willow Creek and is having a large trout habitat project. With the fishing easement. Trout Unlimited is able to kick in some funding. There is a work day planned for the first of June to build lunger structures for the project. Working on Surveying for this season projects. Most of the cost sharing money will be spoken for a soon as we know we have the money and contracts will be signed.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist Report. The job descriptions were first, not really sure as to what needed to be done as nothing has really changed. Cathy will check with County Clerk Victor Vlasak or Chair Jeanetta Kirkpatrick to confirm that nothing else needs to be done.

Ken reported on county stream easements. He was at a training session recently and Vernon County has had s fishing easement program were the county will buy a fishing easement from the land owner for \$50.00 for the public to fish the waters on their property. By doing this Trout Unlimited is able to cost share on projects. Without an easement people can fish the property as long as they enter at a bridge and do not step foot on the banks. Ken wanted to let the committee know about the easements for possible purchases in the future.

Cathy also reported she, Kent and Ken are registered for the WI Land + Water Conference in March. They will report back at the March meeting.

Building Lease nothing has been heard of and Cathy has not heard back from the other property owners that she has been in contact with. Chairman Sebranek has noticed that the Seats building has office space for lease.

Cathy gave the DNR report. Nothing new to report. Mike and Jake's positions have not been filled yet. Dan Goltz reported that the annual deer count fly over was done earlier this year, there are a lot of deer.

JoAnn Cooley was not at the meeting, Randy Heims gave a brief Farm Service Agency (FSA) report. JoAnn Otto retired and her position has not been filled yet. The office is in catch up mode at this point. The general CRP sign up will continue through this month.

Carlton gave the NRCS report. The 2016 EQIP sign up was in October and we are currently working on the contracts for those that were accepted. There is another EQIP sign up that will end on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The Kickapoo Watershed project in the North West corner of Forest Township. There is not much land in Richland County but Crawford and Vernon Counties do have a large amount. The CSP program deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

There were no committee reports.

The February bills were presented as follows; CK Norman Development, \$957.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,037.54; WLWCA, \$810.00; Osthoff Resort, \$224.00; Victor Swenson, \$2,128.00; Tom Nee Jr., \$4,564.00 Southern Area Association, \$125.00; Southwest Badger RC&D Council, \$2,500.00; Ken Anderson, \$83.64. Motion made by Marty Brewer to approve the February Bills; second made by Virginia Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.

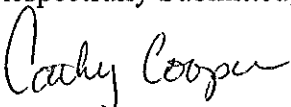
The next meeting is set for Monday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Marty Brewer is asking to have his agenda & minutes emailed instead of snail mail

Motion made by Virginia Wiedenfeld to adjourn the meeting, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Cooper  
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