

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 11th, 2016

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Larry Sebranek. Those present were Larry Sebranek, Paul Kinney, John Turgasen, Marilyn Marshall, Gary Peters, Cathy Cooper, Kent Marshall, and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Steve Williamson was absent.

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

Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the June 2016 minutes second made by Paul Kinney Motion carried.

Emma Antolos introduced herself, she is the new Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator with Southwest Badger RC&D. She will be our contact for Richland County.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. Cathy handed out a map of the trails, she color coordinated the trails with Yellow, Orange, Blue, Green and Red. We would like to have GPS coordinates to mark on blazers at the intersections of the trails. Gary has volunteered to get the coordinates. We will have to order some of the blazers and posts to attach them to. The coordinates will need to be engraved on the blazers. Cathy will check with Kerry Severson and the Snowmobile Alliance about the post that they may have available.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek Watershed Report. Mike Dreschmeier, NRCS engineer has done the inspections of the 2 dams that needed to be done and then Cathy will send this information on to the state. At the Southern Area Tour that she and Gary attended a resolution had been passed out that Iowa County had passed regarding their county owned dams and privately owned land. Kent handed out a couple pictures showing the progress that has been made in draining the Dosch Dam per the request of the DNR. After further discussion of the resolution that Iowa County has presented it has been the discussion the Land Conservation Committee to not support the same resolution.

Cathy gave the Conservation Technician report as Ken was not at the meeting. Cathy presented the committee with 3 contracts for approval. All are for Nutrient Management Planning, Don Wanless for \$1,260.00, Jim & Lola Schweitzer for \$1,596.00 and Richard Rasmussen for \$2,464.00. Motion made by Gary Peters to approve all 3 contracts. Second made by Paul Kinney. Motion carried.

Kent gave the Farmland Preservation/Working Lands report. Working on plans for Nutrient Management, there are no voluntary non-compliance request this month. There are 2 request for modification of their agreements with the State. Kyrie Kinney and Stuart Miller. The question asked was what is happening with the farmland preservation plan that needs to be sent into the state for final approval? This plan is currently at the corporation counsel's office waiting for final approval to send it on the state. At this point there was more discussion on the actual farmland preservation plan, questions were answered. Motion made by Paul Kinney to approve both request seconded by John Turgasen Motion carried.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report. She reported on the Southern Area Tour that she and Gary attended in Iowa County, they went to Pendarvis/Shake Rag Alley in the morning then back to the fair grounds for lunch. The afternoon they visited The Gollen Bait farm that was extremely interesting. This farm uses old stainless cheese vats that are no longer useable for cheese. This farm supplies bait too many of the Bait Shops within the United States. There are a couple of types of bait fish that they produce 80 to 90% of the bait needed in the US. He has a high capacity well that he monitors very closely with the city of Dodgeville. He also sells worms that come from Organic Farms in Canada. They also visited a place called Grand View, this place was similar to the Grotto in Dickyville but with life size creations.

Emma & Gary gave the SW Badger RC&D report. Emma is working on education with the public on aquatic invasive species. Gary also reported on a few of the programs that are starting, one of which is the beginning Farmers Veterans program. The meeting had a lot of board related discussion.

Building Lease to report. Cathy mentioned that there has been some progress. The parking lot has been sealed and partially painted. The Federal space is still looking at how they are going to reduce the amount of space they use. The actual space that the Land Conservation Department actually rents is less than 700 square feet and shared space of 34 square feet. This is something that will be brought up during leasing negotiations with Mr. Norman. Cathy let the committee know about what the Feds are asking for in the new lease, janitorial services daily, windows to be cleaned inside and outside at least quarterly, toilet seat protectors, garbage cans in the stalls of the women's bathroom, deodorant blocks for the urinals, snow shovel and salt mix available in the store room, an outside flag pole and new floor covering and paint on the walls.

There was no DNR report. Cathy & Kent assisted the State DNR board when they met at the Weigandt property in Rockbridge Township.

There was no FSA report.

There was no NRCS report. .

There were no committee member reports. Gary gave his report with the County Conservationist report.

Gary asked to make sure that it would be ok to use a four-wheeler when he GPS's points at the Ash Creek Property. Motion was made by John Turgasen to allowed Gary Peters to use an ATV on the Ash Creek Property whiles GPS-ing the points, second made by Marilyn Marshall. Motion carried.

The July bills were presented as follows; CK Norman Development, \$957.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,169.25; Premier Cooperative, \$144.41; Chris Parduhn, \$4,228.00; Calvin Brown, \$65.10. Motion made by Paul Kinney to approve the July Bills; second made by Marilyn Marshall. Motion carried.

The next meeting is set for Monday August 8th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Gary Peters to adjourn the meeting, second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Cooper
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