

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 14th, 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, Ken Anderson and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Steve Williamson was absent.

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

Motion made by Paul Kinney to approve the October 10th minutes, second made by Marilyn Marshall. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. A post needs to be replaced on the upper access area near Gail Surrem's property. The post was broke off by something.

Ken gave the Mill Creek report. Joe Harbaugh rents the Mic Killoy (Village View Dairy Inc.) property and he is asking for the crossings be repaired. Ken handed out photos showing the area that Joe is asking to be repaired. Cathy also had the original plans, this is a low priority as there are more pressing issues to be addressed. Paul asked when the last dam was installed, the reply was that there are dry dams installed every year. Ken has inspected the Ewers, Huth and Durst dams. The Ewers dam on Hwy 171, the brush and willows have been sprayed, the brush has all died out but the willows will need to be sprayed again. There was some beaver activity in the area they have been dug out and the inlet had trash that was removed from it. The outlet at the pool area is dammed up and the water is ponding and backing water up in the anti-seep pipes. The Outlet channel needs to be dredged out so the pipes can drain and fall into the pool area. The committee suggested getting a couple bids and bring it back at the December meeting. The Huth dam is having the same issue as the Ewers dam, so the bid request will be for both dams. The cradle on the Ewers dam is cracking more and the re-rod is exposed, this will need to be repaired also. The Huth dam toe drain pipes are rusted, the willows are under control and they mow that area. The Durst dam has a few bushes and sumacs otherwise this dam is good shape. Motion was made by John Turgasen to have Ken get the bids and bring them back to the committee in December, second made by Marilyn Marshall. Motion carried. Ken also reminded the committee that the main channel of the Mill Creek needs to be walked and inspected yet this week. Cathy has received noticed from the DNR that there are dams along the Mill Creek that need to be repaired. The Luttig Dam (13A) and the Popp Dam both need to have established bench marks. The committee will need to hire the county surveyor if Mike Dreischmeier, NRCS engineer cannot do it. The Popp dam needs to have the shrubs removed and the embankment needs to be mowed. Also need to remove junk from the spilling basin. By May on the Luttig dam documentation needs to be provided regarding a brake away fence at the end of the emergency spillway. The question is "What is a break away fence?" By the end of November 2018 the spillway capacity on all of the dams need to upgraded to a significant hazard and this must be done by a Wisconsin state licensed engineer. This will not be cheap. Cathy will be getting in contact with the DNR regarding the breakaway fence

Ken gave the conservation technician report during the Mill Creek report.

Kent gave the Farmland Preservation/Working Lands report. Still working on Nutrient Management plans to be done by the end of the year. There are no voluntary non-compliances for this month.

Cathy gave the County Conservation report. She was unable to go to the Southern Area meeting as everyone in the office was out. Just an update from the DNR regarding the Schmidt farm, there was an issue regarding the feed storage pad, they started construction before the plans were approved. The DNR issued a letter regarding the issuance of the Nutrient Management Plan for Schmidt, there will be an open meeting on December 12th at the Buena Vista Town Hall located in Gotham. The letter will be posted at the office. The typewriter issue is just an update that the office may need to purchase a new one in the near future.

The building lease, nothing new to report at this point.

Greg Cerven present the committee with the wildlife report. First thing needed to be done was to set the 80% harvest date. Motion made by John Turgasen to set the date for December 1st, 2016 second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. The commodity prices were presented as follows; corn \$3.32/bu. Soybeans \$9.21/bu, alfalfa hay \$102.50/ton, mixed hay \$81.30/ton and Christmas trees \$3.50/tree. Motion made by Paul Kinney to accept the prices as presented, second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried.

Joe Schmaedick gave the DNR report. Walnut thinning has been marked at the county property by the parking lot off of Hwy 80.

John Turgasen gave a brief FSA report. Mailing from the state missed 60 or 70 farms that need to be reported by Tuesday. New person has started today.

Cathy gave a brief NRCS report. Carlton is at a training in Marshfield.

Gary reported that the recent flooding has taken the picnic tables and the dumpster from the Rockbridge Park. He has found 3 tables that are salvageable. 1 table is embedded into a bank and the dumpster is fully submerged in the river across from the Natural Bridge Store.

The November bills were presented as follows; CK Norman Development, \$957.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,272.61; Joe Triggs, \$131.43; Joe Triggs & Wanless Construction, \$1,695.00; Kathy Morsbach, \$595.00; R&K Tire & Auto Service, \$174.40; Premier Cooperative, \$180.97; Steve Schmitz, \$8,792.00; Riverway Trucking Hackl Construction & Norm Sandmire, \$7,063.00; Heavenly White Cakes & Catering, \$432.00; Tammy Cannoy-Bender \$6.33; Greeley Signs & Graphics, \$47.85; American Legion, \$20.00; Judson Pellett, \$300.00; Judson Pellett & Mike Lepke Excavating, \$6,965.00; Tom Sweeney & Wanless Construction LLC, \$1,281.00; Gerard Braun & Wanless Construction LLC, \$425.25; Ken Anderson, \$142.29. Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the November bills; second made by Marilyn Marshall. Motion carried.

Larry shared a letter that he received from Chairperson Jeanetta Kirkpatrick regarding the conservation banquet. The banquet was small but a good time.

The next meeting is set for Monday December 12th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Cooper
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