

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 13th, 2017

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

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 February 13th minutes second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. Nothing much to report, however at the Parks meeting that was the week before it was suggested to have a donation container similar to the ones that are at the bike trail, Rockbridge Park and the rifle range. This is something that Gary & Cathy will check into and report back to the committee.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek Watershed Report. Nothing new to report, still working on a plan of action for the one property that needs to have some flood proofing done.

Ken gave a brief report. The fishing easement has been sent to Corporation Counsel, Ben Southwick; nothing has been heard back from him. This will be back on the April agenda.

Kent gave the Working Lands/Farmland Preservation report. Working on Nutrient Management Plans, Tammy has been typing up certificates of Compliance for land owners.

Voluntary non-compliance for John Frawley and Bradley, John & Margo Solchenberger, motion made by Paul Kinney to approve both voluntary non-compliances, second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report. Nothing new to report at this point. Steve Williamson did send an email asking about conference calls, at this point Chairman Sebranek called Steve and conferenced him into the meeting.

Building lease; At this point nothing has been offered to Cathy yet. After the remodeling our floor space has dropped from 799 to 651 square feet. Cathy did get a copy from Todd Kenefick of what the DNR is paying for rent

There was no DNR report.

Carlton gave the NRCS report. Second round of EQIP applications ended on March 3rd and they are being processed now. The Kickapoo watershed deadline will be June 3rd. CSP is in the process of being reinvented.

Joann Cooley gave a brief Farm Service Agency (FSA) report. She is currently working in the Grant County office 4 days a week and 1 day here. When the hiring freeze is lifted they Grant County position will be posted. New program for CRP is the monarch safe program and if people are interested in this program they should get into CRP. Joann reported that the lease for the Federal space has been signed with a few points that need to be done.

RESOLUTION 17-18. Cathy gave a presentation to the Finance & Personnel committee.

There were no committee reports.

The March bills were presented as follows; CK Norman Development, \$957.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,094.62; Wisconsin Land + Water Conservation Association, Inc., \$1,341.00.00; Don Wanless, \$1,618.68; Southern Area Association, \$125.00; Woodstock Nursery, \$898.50. Motion made by Paul Kinney to approve the March Bills; second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

The next meeting is set for Monday April 10th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Cathy Cooper
CC/tcb