

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 10th, 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, Randy Heims, Paul Kinney, Cathy Cooper, Ken Anderson, Kent Marshall, Carlton Peterson, Marilyn Marshall and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Steve Williamson conference called in for the meeting.

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

Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the March 13th minutes second made by Paul Kinney. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. Nothing much to report.

Ken gave the Mill Creek Watershed Report. Ken & Mike Dreschmeier went out to survey the Dobb's home and shots at the Ewers Dam above the Dobb's home to compare the previous information and see just what exactly needs to be done to flood proof the basement entrance. They cleaned off the Brindley dam, the Dosch dam was $\frac{3}{4}$ full again, so they chained down the cold water draw down to open to get the dam drained again. Ken went out on Friday last week to clean off the Huth Dam riser; a mini-excavator is needed to clean out the sediment away from the area around the inlet pipe. Highway Commissioner Jim Chitwood reported to Cathy that the little dam off of County Hwy G is in need of some cleaning out of the pool area below the dam and having the pipe replaced. Consensus of committee was to move forward with the work that needs to be done on the dam.

Ken gave a brief report. The fishing easement has been sent to Corporation Counsel, Ben Southwick; was on vacation last week, this will be on the May agenda.

Kent gave the Working Lands/Farmland Preservation report. Working on Nutrient Management Plans; land owners who don't work their land are looking for certificates of compliance without realizing just what is involved to obtaining a certificate. Tammy has been typing up Certificates of Compliance for land owners, she is currently on number 347. Cathy is working with a couple of land owners in Richwood Township that are eligible to modify their agreement to claim the higher credit until their agreement with the state expires and then they would be eligible for the base rate of \$7.50 an acre. Paul asked if an owner out of the state of Wisconsin could claim this credit; the answer to his question is no, the property owner has to be a resident of the State of Wisconsin and file a state income tax return.

There was no voluntary non-compliance, however there were some that have not returned their self-compliance forms with the \$15.00 fee. There were also a few that have a certificate but have not returned their self-compliance report yet. Cathy will call these people to confirm their status.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report. A. The DATCP 2018 allocation grant application is due at the end of the week. Discussion of the grant application and what the state is doing on the next biennial budget. Motion made by Randy Heims to approve Chairman Larry Sebranek to sign the application, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Building lease; currently we are on a month to month agreement with Cary Norman for \$957.00/month which is the rate from 2015 as he didn't want to negotiate with the County until he was done negotiating with the Feds. Cary's negotiator sent Cary's proposal and Cathy has sent a counter proposal, (proposal attached to master minutes).

Cathy, Ken & Kent attended the Land + Water conference at Elkhart Lake, they each gave a brief report. There will be a new Nutrient Management 590 standard that will go into effect at the end of 2017 or beginning of 2018. Cathy went over some of the requirements that will go into effect.

Joe Schmaedick gave the DNR report. Emerald Ash bore is becoming a bigger problem in the county then it has in the past. Since the original finding in Dayton Township there are more findings in Akan, Richwood, Forest and Rockbridge townships. These are the townships that have been confirmed however, Joe feels that this is a problem throughout most of the County. The other issue that he reported on is the disease called Ash Yellows. Symptoms are similar to the Ash bore with the exception that the beetles for the ash yellows start at the top of the tree and works their way down.

Carlton gave the NRCS report. 2017 EQIP applications for the second round are in and now they are waiting to find out which ones will be funded. As soon as they know who has been funded Carlton's office will let them know. The EQIP 2018 sign up deadline will be October 20th, 2017. The CSP 2017 reinvention is coming along, there are 22 applications for this program. There are 25 annual compliance reviews that will be happening as some as the farmers have the fields planted, probably in June. The local workgroup meeting will June 23rd, 2017. There is a new State Conservationist, Angela Biggs, she will start April 17th, 2017.

There was no Farm Service Agency (FSA) report. Joann Cooley is in Grant County.

Committee reports. Gary reported that there will be a Southwest Badger meeting at the end of this week. He also reported that the Parks Commission met last week and it was reported to them that there has been Jet Skis on the Pine River. Cathy gave Gary the Southern Area meeting schedule.

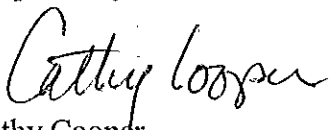
The April bills were presented as follows; CK Norman Development, \$957.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,146.13; Richard Rasmussen, \$2,464.00; Woodstock Nursery, \$807.50; Ken Anderson, \$485.01. Motion made by Paul Kinney to approve the April Bills; second made by Randy Heims. Motion carried.

The next meeting is set for Monday May 8th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Paul Kinney to adjourn the meeting, second made by Marilyn Marshall. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Cooper
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