

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 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, Paul Kinney, Marilyn Marshall, John Turgasen, Cathy Cooper, Ken Anderson, Kent Marshall, Jake Elder and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Steve Williamson was on the phone for the meeting.

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

Hearing no corrections or additions Chairman Larry Sebranek approved the June 12th minutes as mailed/emailed out.

Ken gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report; Nothing much to report, Don Wanless has been keeping the trail mowed.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek Watershed Report; she and Ken met with Jason Dobbs at his property, located at the corner of Tuckaway & County Z (Old Cheese Factory). The house needs to be flood proofed. There are 2 doors into the basement that if the dam (Luttig) above there would break; there would be 7" of water above the doors. It was agreed to cement block and seal the doors shut. The other door that faces the stream would need to have some tuck point work done. Would also need to remove the current floor drain and replace it with a sump pump. Then after these items are done, some landscaping will need to be done and bring the grade up 7" along the sealed doors. With this done the County would be out of High Hazard Dams. Motion made by John Turgasen to move forward with this project, second by Paul Kinney. Motion carried. Cathy will work with Mike Dreschmeier, NRCS engineer, to put together a plan to get bids for the project.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. He is still working on the County Fishing easement with Ed Uhlenhake; The South East Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited has approved \$8,000.00 for this project, Ken had \$500.00 from another source to go toward this project. The cost to Ed Uhlenhake will be approximately \$2,500 after cost sharing is done. There will be about 1,500 feet of fish habitat; this easement will give Fishermen an easement of 66' on either side of the stream. The easement is for 20 years and then hopefully the DNR will take over the easement. The \$30.00 recording fee will be covered so there will be no cost to the County. Motion made by Gary Peters to move forward with this project, second made by Paul Kinney. Motion carried.

Kent gave the Working Lands/Farmland Preservation report. Still working on Nutrient Management plans for some that had applied for extensions on their taxes.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report; the Lease has been signed by Victor now we are waiting for Mr. Norman to stop in with his proof of insurance, the rent will be prorated for the rest of the year and we are waiting to hear from Judy (Mr. Norman's liaison), to confirm the rate for the rest of the year.

The Southern Area Tour will be held in Grant County this year on the 30th of August. Cathy handed out the itinerary for the day. We will need to know by July 28th if anyone is interested in attending, the cost of \$15.00 per person includes the bus and lunch.

Jake Elder gave the DNR report; the forestry department is changing things up. The Managed Forest Law (MFL) program is getting pulled from everyone and will now be done by specialist that will only be doing the MFL program on the forestry side. Locally Todd Kenefick and Jake Elder will not be working on the MFL program but will be available to answer any questions. Richland County will be divided up with three different foresters.

Cathy Cooper gave the FSA report; just finishing up crop reporting, the hiring freeze is still on so Nathalie is here and Joann is still in Grant County.

Cathy gave a brief NRCS report. Carlton should be back part time on the 20th of this month.

There were no Committee reports. Southwest Badger RC&D has hired a new Aquatic Evasive Species Coordinator.

Cathy reported that the last spraying of the Japanese Knotweed will have to be done next month on Willow Creek.

The July bills were presented as follows; CK Norman Development, \$806.00 with possibility of only \$594.60; Greg Cerven, \$1,206.31; Don Wanless, \$500.00; Premier Coop, \$133.89; Advance Dairy Solution & Dale McGinnis. \$1,232.74; Ken Anderson, \$18.53. Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the July Bills; second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried.

Cathy reported to the committee that the State budget has not been set yet and there may be a reduction of funds for 2018, this will not be known until the state budget has been finalized.

The next meeting is set for Monday August 14th, 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 9:44 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Cooper
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