

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 14th, 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, Randy Heims, Cathy Cooper, Ken Anderson, Kent Marshall, and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Steve Williamson was on the phone for the meeting.

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

Hearing no corrections or additions Chairman Larry Sebranek approved the July 10th minutes as mailed/emailed out.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report; Nothing new to report,

Cathy gave the Mill Creek Watershed Report; A. Flood proofing of the Dobbs property- Cathy, Ken and Mike Dreschmeier (NRCS) are in the process of developing plans on how to flood proof the house, then present it to the Dobbs for their approval, then to the DNR for final approval. Once all approved the project will be let out for bids. Some discussion followed regarding the past flooding and how beneficial the dams really are.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. The Carlson dam construction will be starting this week. Construction this fall will be busy.

Kent gave the Working Lands/Farmland Preservation report. Still working on plans and doing spot checks. Cathy informed the committee that there is cost sharing available for nutrient management planning.

Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) plan update. Cathy gave her report to the state and they have asked for more concrete numbers for what we are doing; we will document better what the department is doing so Cathy and the Chair of the committee can report back to the state next year with more accurate numbers.

Japanese Knotweed will need spraying for the last year of the grant. Motion made by Paul Kinney to approve Applied Ecological Solutions for the final spraying and sign the contract for \$1,500.00, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report; Nothing different to report

Migration of phone system in with the Federal system. Motion made by Paul Kinney to approve the migration of the phone system in with the Federal USDA system, second made by Randy Heims. Motion carried.

2018 budget Cathy reported on to what has to be cut to the 2018 budget along with what it would cost to move, the onetime cost would be \$11,000.00. Cathy will go to finance/personnel for the 2018 budget on the 22nd, of September. The next committee meeting will have the review of the proposed budget for the committee.

No DNR report.

Randy Heims gave a brief FSA report; Nathalie is interviewing for the position in Grant County, JoAnn will be doing double duty between Richland and Crawford County for the foreseeable future.

No NRCS report.

There were no Committee reports.

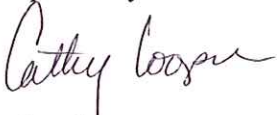
The August bills were presented as follows; CK Norman Development, \$595.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,174.18; Premier Coop, \$65.89; Cathy Cooper, \$68.85; Mark Pauls, \$175.00. Motion made by Randy Heims to approve the August Bills; second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

The next meeting is set for Monday September 11th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. with the budget following the main meeting.

Motion made by Gary Peters to adjourn the meeting, second made by Paul Kinney. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Cathy Cooper
CC/tcb