

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 11th, 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, Carlton Peterson, Mark Kulig, Juli VanCleve, Greg Cerven and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Steve Williamson was on the phone for the meeting.

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

Hearing no corrections or additions Chairman Larry Sebranek approved the November meeting minutes as mailed/mailed out.

Mark Kulig, Area Conservationist introduced himself to the committee.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report; Nothing new to report at this point.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek Watershed Report; Joe Triggs had stopped in to let the office know that the Durst Dam is backing up with water. There are willow trees/beaver dams that need to be taken care of.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician. There will be a few contracts that will need to extend to this following year. John Hoffman's riprap, Gene Hilby's cattle lane and Joe Stadele's nutrient management plan.

Kent gave the Working Lands/Farmland Preservation report; he and Cathy attended training for an updated Snap + program. Tammy has sent out the self-certification forms for this year.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report; She informed to committee that she may need to replace her computer tower. She received information recently that the 2018 allocations have been signed by the state, once we receive the contract the chairman will need to sign it, then we will be able to enter into contracts for projects for the 2018 construction season.

Wildlife Damages; Greg presented the suggested harvest prices; Motion made by Randy Heims to set the prices at the following Corn, \$3.05/bu; Soybeans, \$9.20/bu; Alf. Hay, \$124/ton; Mix Hay, \$95/ton; Christmas Trees \$3.50 each. Second made by Paul Kinney. Motion carried.

Motioned by Randy Heims to set the 80% harvest date for December 1, 2017. Second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Juli VanCleve gave the DNR report. Nothing really happening right now. She will be the forester for Richland County excluding Managed Forest Law (MFL).

Carlton Peterson gave the NRCS report. His office is working closely with the DNR office for the forestry EQIP applications just finishing up contracts for the year, May 15th, 2018 will be the deadline for the second round of EQIP sign ups,

Randy Heims gave a brief report for FSA; the election for Randy's district will have to be done over as there was one bad ballot. The election will have to be done all over again. This is Randy's last meeting.

There were no committee member reports.

The December bills were presented as follows; Greg Cerven, \$1,157.35; Ken Anderson, \$251.94; Cathy Cooper, 8.67. Motion made by Paul Kinney on to approve the December Bills; second made by Randy Heims. Motion carried.

The next meeting is set for Monday January 8th, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Gary Peters to adjourn the meeting, second made by Randy Heims. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Cathy Cooper
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