

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 12th, 2018

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Larry Sebranek. Those present were Larry Sebranek, Gary Peters, Marilyn Marshall, Paul Kinney, John Turgasen, Cathy Cooper, Ken Anderson, Kent Marshall, Dave Huth, Juli Van Cleve, DNR, Carlton Peterson, NRCS and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. JoAnn Cooley, FSA arrived later in the meeting

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

Chairman Larry Sebranek, hearing no objections, moved to approve the February 2018 meeting minutes as mailed out.

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

Cathy gave the Mill Creek Watershed Report. Dave Huth was present for the meeting and addressed the committee regarding the Huth Dam, Dave handed out a letter signed by his parents, brother and himself regarding the dam and the fact that it needs repair. (copy attached to master minutes). Cathy informed Dave that there is a municipal grant that can be applied for, however the application deadline for the grant is the end of April this year. This grant would cover 50% of the first \$400,000 and in-kind work will go toward some of the funding, we need to get an estimate of the cost along with finding a location for placement of the sediment that needs to be removed from the dam. More discussion regarding the water flow and sediment in the area. Ken Anderson and Mike Dreischmeier, NRCS engineer will be working on an estimate of the cost for the project. Motion made by Gary Peters to move forward with the grant application, second made by John Turgasen, motion carried. More discussion on the dam. Cathy will bring the grant application back to the committee in April. Next is the Luttig Dam, the old cheese factory (Dobbs house), Ken and Mike are going over the plans for the floodproofing of the house and bring it to the committee in April, then we should be ready to put this out for bid.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. Working on projects for this coming construction season. Contracts will not be signed until the first of May. Cathy further spoke about the city's waste water plant that is in Buena Vista township. The waste water plant needs to get the phosphorus count reduced before the water gets to the Wisconsin River. Discussion followed about how the city will reduce phosphorus going into the river. The land Conservation staff have been assisting the city.

Kent gave the Working Lands/Farmland Preservation report; continuing to work on nutrient management plans, currently there is only 1 space left for the classes being held next week (3/22 & 23).

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report. Nothing new to report however, she did remind the committee about the conference that will be happening Wednesday thru Friday morning this week. If anyone wants to donate for the silent auction, we will need it by Tuesday morning.

Juli VanCleve gave the DNR report. Not much to report this month, we have had a little bit of fire activity this year, there was a few small fires in the county before the last snow fall. We will be moving into fire season again this week. Gary Peters brought up the emerald ash bore and reported that the city is removing the trees within city limits.

JoAnn Cooley, gave a brief Farm Service Agency (FSA) report. She will be permanently share managing the Prairie du Chien office along with the Richland Center office. The PLC sign up is happening in the office right now. The office has new imagery and is in the process of updating maps as they can. There was a new administrator named for the state, Bill Northey. There will be some changes in the next 18 months. The continuing resolution will end on the 24th of March, so the federal government is possibly looking at furlough as of midnight on the 24th.

Carlton gave the NRCS report. Continuing on with what JoAnn reported, we are looking at some staffing issues in the office. Working on EQIP program contracts that were obligated. Working on compliance reviews, new staff in the office, working on training.

Committee reports; Gary Peters nothing new to report. He attended Canoeopia in Madison over the weekend and they distributed over 500 maps of Richland County, Pine River. Bike-o-ramo was also happening and there were cards also handed out.

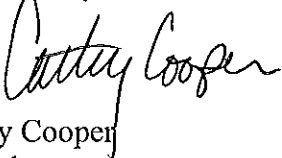
The March bills were presented as follows; CK Norman Development, \$879.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,078.22; WI Land + Water Conservation Association, \$1,341.00; Woodstock Nursery, \$180.75; Ken Anderson, \$167.28. Motion made by Paul Kinney to approve the March Bills; second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried.

The next meeting is set for Monday April 9th, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. This will be the last meeting for Paul Kinney, Marilyn Marshall, Larry Sebranek and Gary Peters.

Motion made by John Turgasen to adjourn the meeting, second made by Paul Kinney. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Cooper
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