

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 9th. 2018

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Larry Sebranek. Those present were Larry Sebranek, Marilyn Marshall, Paul Kinney, Cathy Cooper, Ken Anderson, Kent Marshall, Juli Van Cleve, DNR, Carlton Peterson, NRCS and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Steve Williamson was on the phone Gary Peters and John Turgasen arrived after the minutes were approved.

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

Chairman Larry Sebranek, hearing no objections, moved to approve the March minutes 2018 meeting minutes as mailed out. Steve Williamson was at the March meeting via the telephone.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. Iron Wood treatment trials at the forest. Juli reported that the state horticulturist from the DNR wants to do a study at the community forest. They will be cutting down ironwood at different heights and seeing how it responds to treatment. Motion made by Paul Kinney to approve the study to be done by the DNR at the community forest. Second made by Marilyn Marshall. Motion carried. Larry has the donation box for the property and as soon as the frost is out the box will get installed.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek Watershed Report. A. Huth dam - Ken & Cathy are working on a grant application for the rehabilitation of the dam. B. Luttig Dam -Ken reported that he met with the owner of the home that is below the dam and he agrees with what needs to be done to floodproof the home. This project will be placed in the Richland Observer for 2 weeks and Shopping News for 1 week. This will also be placed on the County website.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. In the process of obtaining DNR permits for projects to be done this season. He and Kent attended the conference in March in Lake Geneva, some interesting break out sessions this year. He also attended another training session in Madison and then the Technician update that was at the Pippin Center here in town. Ken also has been working with the city of Richland Center sewer treatment plant. They are doing phosphorus trading along a section of the Pine River from Bowen Mill to Industrial Drive. This site has been surveyed and soil samples have been taken along the river bank to get a base. The project is to include rip rapping the banks along this section. Also looking for funding for the property owner on the opposite side of the river to do more rip rapping.

Kent gave the Working Lands/Farmland Preservation report; Kent just reiterated what Ken had brought up for all the training that has happened this last month. Cathy reported that she and Kent along with DATCP had farmer training last week for nutrient management. There was one voluntary non-compliance to approve. Margaret Weum has sign the notice as she does not want to deal with the paperwork. Motion made by Paul Kinney to sign the voluntary notice of non-compliance for Margaret Weum, second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report. A. Computer purchase. Cathy & Ken's computers need to be replaced as both are having issues. The Federal computer system is updating to windows 10. There is enough money in the Nursery Stock fund to replace both hard drivers. The price for these 2 will be \$1,772.00. Motion made by Gary Peters to have Cathy go forward with the computer purchase, second by John Turgasen. Motion carried. B. Joint grant allocation with the state. This is for wages, training, cost sharing and nutrient management. Motioned by John Turgasen to move forward with the grant application, second made by Marilyn Marshall. Motion carried. It has been 10 years since the manure storage ordinance has been written and it needs to be updated in the near future. Cathy and Kent did a site investigation at the Weidenfeld property in Ithaca Township as it had been reported that there were dead cows and unconfined stacks of used bedding on the property.

Juli VanCleve gave the DNR report. So far, this year there has been 11 wildfires with most of them being under an acre, one was about 8 acres off County Hwy BR. Some people will be planting trees in the county this year. There are two different timber sales this year in the county.

Carlton gave the NRCS report. The second EQIP sign up will end on May 18th. The DUNNS and SAMS numbers will no longer be required as of Friday (4/13/18). There will be 25 different farms that will have compliance checks done on them this summer.

Cathy gave a brief Farm Service Agency (FSA) report. Joann had told Cathy that there really is anything new going on right now. John reported that they (FSA committee) will have a meeting later this week and he might have more information at that time.

The April bills were presented as follows; CK Norman Development, \$879.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,037.50; Woodstock Nursery, \$684.00; Rhyme, \$32.99; Greeley Signs & Graphics LLC, \$49.00; Ken Anderson, \$401.37; Cathy Cooper, \$17.80; Larry Sebranek, \$24.42. Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the April Bills; second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried.

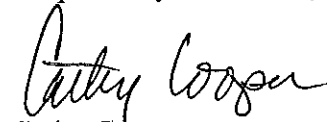
Committee reports; Gary Peters reported that the will be Southwest Badger meetings coming up.

The next meeting is set for Monday May 14th, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. This will be subject to change after the new committee members are selected.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Cooper
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