

Richland County Land Conservation
May 14th, 2018
Meeting Minutes

The May 14th, 2018 meeting was called to order by Cathy Cooper at 9:00 a.m. Those present were, Marc Couey, Melissa Luck, Chad Cosgrove, Steve Williamson, John Turgasen, Shaun Lopez-Murphy, Kent Marshall, Ken Anderson, Juli Van Cleve, DNR, Carlton Peterson, NRCS, Cathy Cooper and Tammy Cannoy-Bender.

First thing on the agenda is to elect officers. Cathy asked for nominations for Chairman, motion made by Marc Couey to nominate Steve Williamson for chairman, second made by John Turgasen. Cathy asked for any other nomination 3xs. After hearing none, motion was made by Marc Couey to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Steve Williamson as chairman, second made by Shaun Lopez-Murphy. Motion carried. Steve Williamson took over the meeting.

Chairman Steve Williamson asked for nominations for Vice Chairman, motion made by John Turgasen to nominate Chad Cosgrove for Vice Chairman. Second made by Marc Couey. Chairman Steve Williamson asked for any other nomination 3xs. After hearing none, motion was made by John Turgasen to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Chad Cosgrove as Vice Chairman. Second made by Marc Couey. Motion carried.

Chairman Steve Williamson asked for nominations for Secretary, motion made by Chairman Steve Williamson to nominate Shaun Lopez-Murphy for secretary, second made by Marc Couey. Chairman Steve Williamson asked for any other nominations 3xs. After hearing none motion was made by Melissa Luck to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Shaun Lopez-Murphy as secretary. Second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried.

Motion made by Shaun Lopez-Murphy to appoint Tammy Cannoy-Bender as the recording secretary, second made by Melissa Luck. Motion carried.

Melissa Luck volunteered to be the member for both the Southwest Badger RC&D and the Southern Area Association (SAA). All members agreed to Melissa volunteering. Marc Couey volunteered to be the alternate for the Southern Area Association. All members agreed to Marc Couey as the alternate to SAA.

The agenda was mailed out and it was posted at the Courthouse bulletin board. Shaun Lopez-Murphy moved to approve the agenda and proof of notification second made by Marc Couey. Motion carried.

Motion made by John Turgasen to approve the minutes of the April 9th meeting second made by Steve Williamson. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. Ken received an email from DNR Fishery Biologist out of Dodgeville and they are asking to bring brook trout out of Melanthon Creek in the northern part of the county and place them in cages into Ash Creek to see if the Brook trout get the gill lice that the Brown Trout have or if the Brook Trout are immune to the lice. They are asking permission to place the cages into Ash Creek. Motion made by Shaun Lopez Murphy to approve the request. Second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried. The dams that are in Ash Creek are starting to erode into the trail. The dam in question needs to have some repair work done to it. The money that it will cost for the repairs will come from the Ash Creek fund and not the general fund. Motion made by Marc Couey to move forward with the repair work to the dam with a limit of \$2,000.00. Second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried. When there is a timber cutting from the forest, that money stays in the Ash Creek Forest account; this money is used for maintenance of the land. No county funds are used.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek report. No bids were received for the flood proofing project that was advertised. Cathy handed out a map of the dams that are part of Mill Creek and explained what has happened in the past for these dams. The flood proofing project may need to be re-advertised. Ken will get copies of the plan for the project to the committee members for their review.

Ken gave the conservation technician report. Ken gave the committee a brief history of his position. We will have some contracts for the committee to approve once we receive confirmation from the state that we have the cost sharing money available.

Kent gave the Working Lands Initiative/Farmland Preservation report, Kent gave the committee a brief history of his position. Modify Dobbs agreement was next on the agenda. Motion made by Marc Couey to approve modifying Dobbs agreement, second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report, Tammy introduced herself and gave a brief description of her position. Cathy introduced herself and gave a brief description of her position. Cathy spoke about the treatment plants in the county that will possibly be needing our assistance in the near future.

Juli VanCleve gave the DNR report. Juli gave a brief overview of the DNR office here. Fire fighting in the spring, they manage state lands in the county and they do private forester in the county. DNR also writes forester plans for free. They also administer a grant program for land owners. Tammy then added that she sells smaller amounts of trees to help fill in, the minimum order is 25 trees per species.

John Turgasen gave a brief FSA report. JoAnn Cooley is the Executive Director and is covering 2 counties.

Carlton Peterson, district conservationist for Richland County, gave the NRSC report. The office has 3 different programs to assist land owners with cost sharing programs. Contracts for 2018 that have been signed are over \$750,000.

There were no committee member reports.

The following bills were presented; CK Norman Development, \$879.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,127.77; Woodstock Nursery, \$27.00; New Tech Solutions Inc., \$1,772.00; Richland Center Shopping News, \$43.00; Richland Observer, \$96.00; Cathy Cooper, \$22.95; Ken Anderson, \$123.93. Motion made by John Turgasen to pay the May bills as presented, second made by Marc Couey. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday June 11th, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion made by Marc Couey to adjourn the meeting, second made by Melissa Luck. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 10:35 a.m.



Cathy Cooper
Secretary Pro-temp