

Richland County Land Conservation
June 11th, 2018
Meeting Minutes

The June 11th, 2018 meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Williamson at 3:04 pm. Those present were, Melissa Luck, Chad Cosgrove, Steve Williamson, John Turgasen, Kent Marshall, Ken Anderson, Juli Van Cleve, DNR, Cathy Cooper, Mark Cupp, Wisconsin Land and Water Board Chairman and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Shaun Lopez-Murphy and Marc Couey arrived just as the agenda was being approved.

The agenda was mailed out and it was posted at the Courthouse bulletin board. John Turgasen moved to approve the agenda and proof of notification second made by Melissa Luck. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chad Cosgrove to approve the minutes of the May meeting second made by Melissa Luck. Motion carried.

Mark Cupp, Chairman of the State Land and Water Conservation Board, came to discuss the 5-year review of the 2012 Land and Water Plan that Cathy turned in. The plan was approved at the 5-year review of the 10-year plan, with a contingency that she would come back in August of this year (2018) and bring a committee member because no one came with her initially. There were 3 points that the state board would like to see done; 1. We need to keep better track of how many people we are in contact with daily. 2. Set up compliance checks for a set number of land owners every year. 3. The L & W board would like to see the conservation department utilize social media more to let the public know what is happening with Land Conservation. Further discussion on the three points.

Cathy did a quick review of the current plan with the committee. Further discussion of what we are doing for water quality in the county.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. We did get approval for the DNR to put some cribs in the Ash Creek to see if the gill lice effects trout taken out of different areas in the north part of the county where there is no gill lice. As for a tour of the property, maybe have a meeting in October or the committee could come out during the field days that are held in October for the local 6th grade classes. Arial photos of the Forest will be at the July meeting for the committee members to review.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek report. There was only 1 bid received for the flood proofing of the home. The DNR has requested that we do the flood proofing of the home different than what was originally put out for bid. Motion made by Marc Couey to re-advertise the bid but to also speak with the original bidder to let him know that the specs have changed and he will need to rebid, second made by John Turgasen, Motion Carried. Structure tours of some of the dams will happen directly after the July meeting, Cathy and the committee members will meet at the Boaz Park.

John needs to leave at 4pm so the chairman dropped drop down to #9 Working Lands Initiative/Farmland Preservation report. Cathy presented modification requests from 2 different land owners to their agreement with the state. David Weigandt in Rockbridge Township and Stuart Miller in Bloom/Forest Township. Cathy explained what needs to be done for both modifications. Motion made by John Turgasen to approve both requests, second made by Marc Couey. Motion carried.

The following bills were presented; CK Norman Development, \$879.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,158.88; Don Wanless, \$550.00; Premier Coop. \$81.07; CDW Government, \$21.88; Cathy Cooper, \$69.87 Motion made by Marc Couey to pay the June bills as presented, second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried.

Ken gave the conservation technician report. He gave the committee a list of the contracts that need to be approved at this point, (list is attached to the master minutes) . Motion made by Melissa Luck to go ahead and sign the contracts that are on the list, second made by Shaun Lopez-Murphy. Motion carried. Ken also reported that he is working with the city to get some other kayak landing placed.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report, we have found out that we will no longer be a part of the new NRCS printer. We will have access to the current printer until which time the NRCS office either offers to sell it to us or they just take it away. So, we may need to buy a printer that is color, scans, have network capability and is able to be connected to the federal system. Cathy also reported she and Melissa went to the Southern Area meeting and Melissa is now going to be a director on the State Land and Water Association Board. There will be training for new board members on June 26th at the State Bank in Mount Horeb, WI. Cathy handed out the paperwork regarding the meeting with the number to call to reserve a spot. A meal will be provided. The Southern Area Tour will be August 1st and it will be in Dodge County this year.

Juli VanCleve gave the DNR report. They had 2 timber sales that did not sell and now they can direct sell them.

Cathy gave a brief FSA report; Crop reporting is happening right now. The CRP rates have gone down considerably, and they are only using 3 different soil groups.

Cathy also gave a brief NRCS report as Carlton had already left for the day. They are working on spot checks. They are also working on the applications they have received for all of the different programs they have.


Committee member reports. Melissa reported that she will be attending a meeting in July for the board of directors in Wisconsin Rapids.

Brain Storming ideas was requested by Shaun Lopez-Murphy to be on the agenda. The actual place to bring this up is at the UW Extension meeting at 1pm on Wednesday, 6/13/18 at the East Hall on campus.

The next meeting will be on Monday July 9th, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion made by Shaun Lopez-Murphy to adjourn the meeting, second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm.


Cathy Cooper
Secretary Pro-temp