

Richland County Land Conservation
July 9th, 2018
Meeting Minutes

The July 9th, 2018 meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Williamson at 3:00 pm. Those present were, Melissa Luck, Steve Williamson, John Turgasen, Marc Couey, Ken Anderson, Juli Van Cleve, DNR, Cathy Cooper, Carlton Peterson, NRCS and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Shaun Lopez-Murphy arrived just as Cathy was giving the Ash Creek report. Chad Cosgrove was absent.

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

Motion made by John Turgasen to approve the minutes of the June meeting second made by Marc Couey. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. She handed out a map of the property and gave the committee a brief history of the property. The public uses the property for hiking, mountain biking, horse back riding, hunting and fishing. A donation box has recently been added to the front parking area off State Highway 80. This property is self-maintaining, and no county tax levy money is used. Juli, DNR is wanting to update the forestry management plan for the property. Chairman Steve Williamson asked if there would be interest in having a sub-committee for the property. This will be on the August agenda.

Chairman Steve Williamson dropped down the NRCS report, so Carlton can leave. Carlton Peterson gave the NRCS report. The local work group meeting will be August 2nd, 2018 at the Phoenix Center in Richland Center at 10 a.m. The office is currently waiting to hear what EQIP application of this year will be approved. The sign up for EQIP Fiscal year 2019 deadline will be October 19, 2018. Currently working on CSP applications for 2018 and the 2019 applications will be due by February of 2019.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek report. There were no bids received for the floodproofing of the Dobbs house. Ken has been in contact with Ken Rynes, he is interested in doing the project however he has been working 7 days a week. Since this project has been let out for bid 2 different times Cathy will contact Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel to see if this can now be done directly with a contractor.

Cathy gave the WLI (Farmland Preservation) report, as Kent was not at the meeting. Working with property owners with nutrient management plans. Durst-Larse Farms LLC have voluntarily filed a non-compliance notice. Motion made by John Turgasen made motion to approve for Cathy to sign the non-compliance form and file it with the state. Second made by Marc Couey. Motion carried.

Ken gave the conservation technician report. Ken handed out a map of what he has been doing with the City. They are riprapping and area along the Pine River to help reduce phosphorus that discharges into the river. He has also helped Dale Bender with the permits needed for Kayak landings along the river. Ken has 3 contracts for approval for well decommissioning with Don Robinson for \$525.00, Steve Schmitz for \$737.00 and Marybel Rego for \$420.00. This money is part of the Land & Water cost sharing we receive from the state. Motion made by Marc Couey to approve the 3 contracts presented, second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report; the southern area tour this year will be in Dodge County if any of the committee members wish to go. The tour is August 1st and Cathy will need to know if anyone wished to go by the end of this week (July 13th). The tour cost is \$15.00 payable that day.

Juli VanCleve gave the DNR report. They are expecting a large round of funding for the Wisconsin Forest Landowner grant program. They are looking at approximately 500 acres of TSI (Timber Stand Improvement) projects.

Cathy forgot to mention that the state land and water meeting is August 7th, at the state office in Madison. They are wanting a committee member to attend with Cathy.

The livestock siting ordinance; We need to start enforcing the ordinance from this point forward. This ordinance hasn't been enforced in the past because there has been some misunderstanding with the large farms that have to follow WPDS rules with the state DNR. The Livestock Siting Ordinance and the Manure Storage Ordinance need to be updated soon. Discussion followed as to when this will be taken care of.

John Turgasen gave a brief FSA report; Crop reporting is coming to an end. The MPP payments have be going thru

The following bills were presented; CK Norman Development, \$879.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,136.95; Richland Observer, \$48.94; Premier Coop. \$72.65; Todd Kenefick, \$970.79; Stuart Miller, \$675.55; Joe Stadele, \$12,600.00. Motion made by John Turgasen to pay the July bills as presented, second made by Marc Couey. Motion carried.

Committee member reports. Melissa and Steve attended a meeting in Mount Horeb. The meeting was very informative.

The next meeting will be on Monday August 13th, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion made by Shaun Lopez-Murphy to adjourn the meeting, second made by Melissa Luck. Motion carried. meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.



Cathy Cooper
Secretary Pro-temp