

Richland County Land Conservation  
August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Meeting Minutes

The August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Williamson at 3:00 pm. Those present were, Melissa Luck, Steve Williamson, Marc Couey, Chad Cosgrove Ken Anderson, Todd Kenefick, DNR, Cathy Cooper, Shaun Lopez-Murphy and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. John Turgasen arrived just as Cathy was giving the Ash Creek report.

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

Motion made by Melissa Luck to approve the minutes of the July meeting second made by Marc Couey. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. A. Forming a subcommittee for the Ash Creek Community Forest was discussed. The committee will consist of Steve Williamson, Melissa Luck, Shawn Lopez-Murphy, Ken Anderson, Todd Kenefick. DNR and/or Julie VanCleve, DNR. This committee will review what can be done at the property along with updating the current plan this fall. There is the County Conservation Aid Grant that we can get up to \$1,558.00 matching grant for a project on the property, this grant is available every year. NRCS is looking at doing some soils training at the property, they will dig the hole and fill it back in when they are done.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek report; A. Flood proofing of property; The bid from Ken Rynes Plumbing & Excavating Inc. for \$5,782.00 with the option of an different pipe outlet for a total of \$5,872.00 was reviewed, motion made by Shawn Lopez-Murphy to accept the bid with the option for a total of \$5,857.00 and forward it on to County Board for final approval, second made by Marc Couey. Motion carried.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. Bill Vandermolen has started the Hoffman project. The following contracts need to be approved, Dan Hillberry well abandonment for \$708.00 and Mike McMillen well abandonment, \$969.50. Cathy also need approval for Dan Buroker's nutrient management plan for \$7,280.00. Motion made by John Turgasen to approve all 3, second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried. Ken will be working with the city and the phosphorus reduction of run off to the Pine River for the next couple of years.

Kent gave the WLI (Farmland Preservation) he is still working on plans. He has a voluntary notice of non-compliance for Kreg Holgerson. Motion made by Melissa Luck to accept the notice, second by John Turgasen. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report; She & Kent have a meeting at the end of this month for a nutrient management update here in Richland Center. A. Preliminary allocation from the state was discussed, this will be discussed in more length next month. B. She is working on a new Facebook page. C. The work plan annual update was also discussed. The complete work plan will next need to be updated in 2022.

Todd Kenefick gave the DNR report. He reported that there has been a new wildlife biologist hired. Mike Nice has retired. The office has 49 state grant program recipients for timber stand improvement in Richland County, so we will be busy working on those.

John Turgasen gave a brief FSA report; nothing special to report. County committee election ballots will be going out in November and the new committee members will take of in January.

No one at the meeting NRCS report.

Cathy reported that she meets with the Finance/Personnel committee on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30. The budget will be on the September agenda for review with the committee.

Committee member reports. Steve & Cathy attended the state Land & Water Board and talked about the extension of the Land & Water plan and what the committee/department is working on. Mary Ann Lowndes from DNR wants the department to send letters to those that were found in compliance with the NR151 rules but not in farmland preservation. The board was more impressed with the fact that there was a committee member with her. Melissa attended the Land & Water Directors meeting in July in Wisconsin Rapids, the meeting was very informative.

There was no public comment.

The following bills were presented; CK Norman Development, \$879.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,158.88; Richland Observer, \$96.00; Premier Coop. \$170.71; Don Robinson, \$326.41; Don Wanless, \$400.00; Dan Buroker, \$7,280.00; Dennis Troia, \$670.60; Tiffany Lasse & Storer Pump System, \$500.50; Mike & Lynell McMillen & Storer Pump System, \$770.00; Andy Peterson & Storer Pump System, \$661.50; Cathy Cooper, \$77.52. Motion made by Marc Couey to pay the August bills as presented, second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion made by Melissa Luck to adjourn the meeting, second made by Shaun Lopez-Murphy. Motion carried. meeting adjourned at 4:02pm.

Cathy Cooper  
Secretary Pro-temp