

Richland County Land Conservation
September 10th, 2018
Meeting Minutes

The September 10th, 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 and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Shaun Lopez-Murphy and John Turgasen was absent.

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 Marc Couey. Motion carried.

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

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. Address points for the property were discussed, the zoning office goes out to mark the address points and the signs cost \$100.00 each. There are 3 access points that need to be signed. Motion made by Marc Couey to go ahead and have all 3 entrances signed, second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried. The subcommittee was discussed. 8B. The conservation field days will be October 2nd & 4th, at that time we will try to show the committee the property.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek report; Cathy handed out a map of the PL566 dams that we have in the county for the committee to follow as she discussed the flooding that has happened. The Dosch dam had a large log on it that will need to be removed, the Luttig Dam had some debris on it the principle spill way trash rack that needs to be cleaned up. The Huth and Durst dams were fine. The Brindley dam, the road was moved after the dam was in place, the road is part of the pool area, so when we get high water the road always floods, there is a log sticking in the principle spillway that will have to be removed. The Robbins dam and the Popp dam both filled with water and the auxiliary spillways flowed but the water did not over top the dams. The Robbins dam over flows a lot and then washes out the road, the tube needs to be bigger to handle the flow. Shaun forwarded on to Cathy an email he had received from a property owner below the Robbins dam (she read this to the committee), Cathy has spoken with the Area engineer for NRCS Mike Dreischmeier and he said that the dam is working as it is supposed to do. Cathy & Ken met with a DNR representative and inspected the Durst Dam, we need to clear out the trees on the road to the dam, mow the dam. Discussion followed as to who we could hire to mow the dam. All the dams in the County did what they were designed to do.

Cathy gave the Conservation Technician report. Ken is out in the field The County Highway Department moved the path of stream flow on property from County Highway Y and the DNR is making them put it back to the natural flow. The Highway Department is asking Ken to design the move back to natural, so it protects the driveway that is the path of the natural flow. Motion made by Chad Cosgrove to bill the Highway Department at Ken's hourly rate only, second made by Melissa Luck. Motion carried.

Kent gave the WLI (Farmland Preservation) he is still working on plans. Kent & Cathy went to training on August 30th for the new snap plus program and a conservation observance day in Sauk County. Kent also attended a crop management field day

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report; Conservation awards/banquet; Forestry, Wildlife and Conservation Farmer awards are usually given with a banquet to recognize them. The forester will make their recommendation. After discussion motion was made by Mark Couey to offer the wildlife award to Norm Sandmire; offer the Conservation Farmer award to Tom Jurgenson and have the banquet on November 7th, 2018 at the American Legion with the meal beginning at 7:00 pm second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried

Conservation field days, this was discussed during the Ash Creek Forest report.

No DNR report.

No FSA report; Cathy did bring up that they have a new program for commodities because of the tariffs

No NRCS report.

No Committee member reports

There was no public comment.

The following bills were presented; CK Norman Development, \$879.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,244.05; Premier Coop. \$150.17; Tammy Cannoy-Bender \$20.96. Motion made by Marc Couey to pay the September bills as presented, second made by Melissa Luck. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday October 8th, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

2019 Budget planning; Cathy reviewed the budget with the committee motioned by Marc Couey to approve the 2019 budget second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Melisa Luck to adjourn the meeting, second made by Marc Couey. Motion carried.
meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.



Cathy Cooper
Secretary Pro-temp