

Richland County Land Conservation
October 8th, 2018
Meeting Minutes

The October 8th, 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, Shawn Lopez-Murphy, Kent Marshall, Ken Anderson, Cathy Cooper, Juli VanCleve, Greg Cerven and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. John Turgasen 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 Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried.

Motion made by Melissa Luck to approve the minutes of the September meeting with the amendment of Cathy Cooper and Kent Marshall were present second made by Marc Couey. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. The conservation field days were cancelled due to weather this year. The field on the left side was mowed completely as there was a large amount of multiflora rose growing. Different presenters for next year's field days were discussed. The committee will tour the property on Tuesday October 30th, 2018 at 3:00pm. Address point signs are ordered with the zoning office. Chair Williamson will check with Vetesnik's Power Sports about the use of some UTV's for the touring of the property.

Ken gave the Mill Creek report; He met with Ken Rynes & Jason Dobbs last week to coordinate when they can start the flood proofing of Jason's house. Ken will try to get some of the plumbing inside the house started next week. Shawn Lopez-Murphy wanted to take a moment and discuss the Robbins Dam that is in his district. He is asking the office to discuss with Mr. Bailey what can or cannot be done at the actual site of the dam.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. Finished up Lavon Fuchs dam project, trying to finish John Huffman's rip rap project by Viola, a few well abandonments have been done. We have 3 or 4 more projects that we are trying to get done yet this year if mother nature would cooperate. Some of the projects that were carried over from the 2017 season need to be completed by the end of this year and they may not get completed because of the weather. DATCP has sent out an email asking the question if there are any 2017 carryover projects that might not get done because of the weather. DATCP has not yet decided on how to handle the weather issue.

Kent gave the WLI (Farmland Preservation) report; he is still working on plans. Some are putting off their soil sampling to this fall after the crops are off and the crops may not come off until the ground is frozen, the soils sampling will not get done.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report; budget update, she has not been asked to come back. She handed out the 2017 annual report to the committee and she will give it to the entire county board this month.

Cathy received a letter that Jeanette Kirkpatrick forward on to her regarding carcass dumpsters to be placed in the townships for the deer hunting season. The cost per dumpster would be about \$500.00. Discussion followed, this is not feasible as there would be more than deer carcass in the dumpster. This would only make sense to have the dumpsters placed where the registration stations are within the County. The committee would like Cathy to respond to the letter. Ken will talk with Doug Duhr as he was the one suggesting the dumpster.

Juli VanCleve gave the DNR report. Not much to report, she just got back from maternity leave, baby is doing great. A large round of grants has been funded in August. Greg Cerven, Wildlife Damage Contract was not on the agenda but explained the program to the committee. The contract will be on the November agenda.

No FSA report;

No NRCS report.

No Committee member reports.

There was no public comment.

The following bills were presented; CK Norman Development, \$879.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,193.56; Premier Coop. \$172.93; Marybel Rego, \$436.80; Richland County Zoning, \$300.00; Don Wanless, \$797.50; Lavern Fuchs & Wanless Construction, \$5,600.00. Motion made by Marc Couey to pay the October bills as presented, second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday November 12th, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Conservation Banquet is November 7th, 2018 at the American Legion 7 pm.

Motion made by Chad Cosgrove to adjourn the meeting, second made by Melissa Luck. Motion carried. meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Cathy Cooper
Secretary Pro-temp