

Richland County Land Conservation
December 10th, 2018
Meeting Minutes

The December 10th, 2018 meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Williamson at 3:00 pm. Those present were, Melissa Luck, Steve Williamson, John Turgasen, Chad Cosgrove, Shawn Murphy-Lopez, Kent Marshall, Ken Anderson, Cathy Cooper, Carlton Peterson, Connie Champnoise and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Marc Couey was absent.

The Amended agenda was mailed out and it was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board. Motioned by Chad Cosgrove to approve the agenda and proof of notification second made by Shawn Murphy-Lopez. Motion carried.

Motion made by Melissa Luck to approve the minutes of the November 11th meeting second made by Shaun Murphy-Lopez. Motion carried.

Connie Champnoise gave a presentation of climate change and thing that can be done to reduce our carbon footprint. Copy of the presentation is attached to the master minutes. Resolution for the County Board to consider will be done later.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. Ordinance review, the Ordinance was originally adopted in 1992. The signs that have been posted need to be updated and refreshed. These items are restricted, hours of use, no fires, violations. The signs will be discussed at the ad-hoc committee meeting in January.

Chair Williamson moved down to the NRCS report. Carlton gave an update on what has been happening. There is a continuing resolution for the federal government until December 21st. There is no farm bill yet, so all applications will be different after the bill is finally passed.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek report; nothing new to report. The surveying of the Huth dam will be done later. There is a broken pipe that needs to be repaired.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. Will need extension for Bill Condon's stream crossing, Mark Stoltz's machinery crossing, Steve Schmitz's well abandonment and Boyd Veal's well abandonment. Motion made by John Turgasen to extend the named contract, second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried.

Kent gave the WLI (Farmland Preservation) report. There was a state review of the WLI program, Kent needs to document better, the state is happy with the office doing self-compliance and the recording of the reports on the county web site. There needs to be better training for tax preparers. Kent handed out a summary report that the state provided to us at the audit.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report; The transfer of SEG money from Walworth county to Richland county was first, we have a farmer that has on large number of acres and is looking for assistance on their soil testing for the nutrient management plan. We have a portion of SEG money for the cost sharing but not enough, Walworth county had money to transfer to a county that could use it. Motion made by Shawn Murphy Lopez to accept the transfer of the SEG money, second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried.

Cathy also is asking to approve the Junlyn Farms contract for \$32,200 and forward the contract on to county board for approval if it is over \$30,000; also extend the contract after it is approved by county board. This is all grant money that comes from the state. Motion made by Shawn Murphy Lopez to forward the contract on to county board for approval and to extend it for the following year. Second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried.

Tammy updated the committee on the on-line ordering of trees. She is working on it; however, this is more of shopping on-line different from the other departments that are just accepting credit cards as payment for either taxes, tickets or membership.

Greg Cerven gave the Wildlife report. Motion made by John Turgasen to set the 80% harvest date as November 25th, 2018. Second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried. Set the commodity prices; Greg handed out the commodity prices that he had for averages. Motion made by John Turgasen to set the prices as follows; Corn 3.42/bu; Soybeans 8.52/bu, Alf. Hay 142/ton; Mix Hay 84.52/ton Christmas Trees/3.50 per tree. Second made by Shawn Murphy Lopez. Motion carried. Greg reported that he venison program did well this year.

There was no DNR report.

John Turgasen FSA report; Elections are done, and Greg Kinney will be on the FSA committee, tariff relief payments will be later than expected as the computer programs are not matching up.

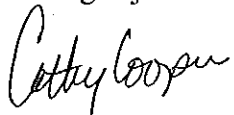
Committee member reports; Melissa updated that she has gone to another L+W Conservation Association board meeting, they are working hard to lobbying for full payment for conservation employees.

There was no public comment.

The following bills were presented; Greg Cerven, \$1,147.66; Premier Coop. \$74.15; Eugene Hilby & Riverway Trucking Hackl Construction, \$6,653.50; Eugene Hilby, \$4,031.81; Lorraine Ferguson & Advance Dairy Solutions, \$1,000.33; Woodward Community Media, \$32.50; Cathy Cooper, \$39.27; Ken Anderson, \$295.80. Motion made by Melissa Luck to pay the December bills as presented, second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday January 14th, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion made by Chad Cosgrove to adjourn the meeting, second made by Melissa Luck. Motion carried. meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.



Cathy Cooper
Secretary Pro-temp