

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 11th, 2019

The Land Conservation meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Williamson at 3pm; those present were Steve Williamson, Chad Cosgrove, Marc Couey, Melissa Luck, Shaun Murphy Lopez, John Turgensen, Greg Kinney, Connie Champnoise, Greg Cerven, Eddy Shea, Carlton Peterson, Cathy Cooper, Ken Anderson, Kent Marshall and Tammy Cannoy-Bender.

Marc Couey motioned to approve the agenda proof of publication, second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried.

Shaun Murphy Lopez motioned to approve the January 11th, meeting minutes as sent out second made by John Turgensen. Motion carried.

#4 Resolution regarding climate change; Connie Champnoise updated the committee on the questions they had from her last visit. What federal government agency oversees production of coal, oil and natural gas. The department of Interior oversees the production on all federal public land. The department of energy that oversees the supply the occurs in the private sector. EPA is more administrative and rule making. The bill regarding the paying of dividends has in its language who would be responsible. This bill has been reintroduced in the 2019 congressional level. Then the department of Treasury will oversee the implementation of that bill. Next step at the local level is the reduction of their carbon footprint. Melissa Luck presented a draft resolution to the committee; the committee in general is for a resolution regarding climate control. This will be on the March agenda for further consideration.

Chairman Williamson then dropped down to item #13 NRCS report; Carlton Peterson presented a brief report on the current status of a variety of programs. With the recent government shut down there has been some delays with certain programs whether with implementations or awarding the contracts. The farm bill has been signed however it won't be in use until training has been done.

#5 Ash Creek Community Forest; A. Ad Hoc meeting, Tammy will forward the minutes from that meeting on to the complete committee. Discussion followed regarding the possible grants that are available. The dam off of Hillview Dr. is in need of repair and the committee is looking at including a parking lot for 4 or 5 cars to be constructed at the same time as the dam is getting repaired. The ad hoc committee will meet again on March 7th at 1pm.

#6 Cathy didn't have anything new to report on Mill Creek Watershed; Ken has spoken with Mike Drechmeier (NRCS) regarding the Huth Dam as it needs to have some repairs done to the inlet pipe. Mike informed Ken that there may be some grants available in 2020 for this type of repair.

#7 Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. He handed out information for the committee (copies attached to the main minutes). We will receive \$55,750.00 in cost share money for conservation practices within the county. Dumpster for Deer Carcasses throughout the county. He attended the Trout Unlimited Symposium in LaCrosse this last week. There is currently 21,000 miles of Brook Trout habitat that will be reduced to about 1,600 miles by the 21-century due to climate change. Shaun Murphy Lopez brought up advertising the miles of trout streams we have in the county. Steve suggested a survey to see how many locals use the trout streams.

#8 Kent gave the Working Lands (Farmland Preservation) report. WE have had 2 training sessions for local farmers to do their own Nutrient Management Plans. Ed Ruff from SWVT will be have training session starting March 1st and the following Fridays ending April 5th.

#9 Cathy gave the County Conservationist report. She is still working on getting together with Crawford & Vernon Counties regarding the well water testing. Cathy handed out resolutions that will be brought up at the conference in March.

#10 Greg Cerven introduces Eddy Shea, new wildlife biologist for this area. Wildlife Damage claims; there are 3 land owners have filed for damages, they have met all of the requirements to receive funding for the damages. Motion made by Chad Cosgrove to pay the claims of \$13,802.20, second made by John Turgensen.

#11 Eddy Shea gave a brief DNR report

#12 no FSA report. Joann is on vacation.

#14 there was no committee member reports.

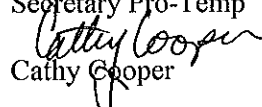
#15 the following bills were presented for February, CK Norman development, \$916.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,089.01; Richland Locker \$3,000.00; Woodstock Nursery, \$114.25; Southwest Badger RC&D, \$1,070.00; Ken Anderson, \$189.86. Motion made by Chad Cosgrove to pay the February bills as presented, second made by Shaun Murphy Lopez. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be March 11, 2019 at 3pm.

Motion made by Marc Couey to adjourn the meeting, second made by Melissa Luck. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:59 pm.

Secretary Pro-Temp


Cathy Cooper