

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 8th, 2019

The Land Conservation meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Chad Cosgrove at 3pm; those present were, Chad Cosgrove, Marc Couey, Melissa Luck, Shaun Murphy Lopez, John Turgasen, Connie Champnoise, JoAnn Cooley, Juli VanCleve, Cathy Cooper, Ken Anderson, Kent Marshall and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Steve Williamson was absent.

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

Shawn Murphy Lopez motioned to approve the amended twice March 11th, meeting minutes as sent out second made by Melissa Luck. Motion carried.

#4 Ash Creek Community Forest; a. March 7th AdHoc meeting minutes were sent out and the next meeting will be Friday April 12th at 10:30 am. Melissa Luck updated the committee and the grant application, and the deadline is May 1st. Motioned by Marc Couey to move forward with the application and present it to County Board for approval, second made by Shaun Lopez-Murphy. Motion carried.

#5 Mill Creek; A. Renting of equipment for cleaning up of dams. The rental of a mini excavator from Simpsons is \$200 a day and Ken will haul it with his fifth wheel trailer to the dams that need clean up (Ken will charge mileage). The Dosch Dam, Brindley Dam, Durst Dam, and Ewer Dam all have issues. Motion made by John Turgasen to rent an excavator form Simpson's and have Ken haul it to the different Dams that need clean up done, second made by Shaun Murphy Lopez. Motion carried. Mike Dreischmeier will be checking the Lidar maps for the Robinson Dam and the sediment level in the pool area. There really isn't a lot of sediment in the pool area. Once Mike is done checking with the Lidar maps Ken will take the information to the individual that is concerned with the dam.

#6 Ken gave the Conservation Technician report; The city project is being seeded as of this meeting. Cathy reported that there are a few projects that were extended into this year. Ken also reported that he is working with land owners. His working with the Ithaca Loins for their park, this will be a 50/50 cost share as it does not involve crop land; the village of Sextonville is doing a similar project as the City of Richland Center is doing and in doing this the village is looking at picking up the other 50% for the Ithaca Lions project. Ken will bring in contracts for committee approval next month.

#7 Kent gave the Working Lands (Farmland Preservation) report. Working on nutrient management plans. Went to the conference the middle of March. Meeting in Dodgeville last week that Kent & Ken went to, a lot of discussion of what is happening in the state. Approximately 23,000 acres have nutrient management plans.

#8 Cathy gave the County Conservationist report. Melissa Luck will be taking the first 15 well testing water samples to Stevens Point on Wednesday (4/10). The results will be sent directly to the property owner. When a property owner has a baby under 6 months old they qualify for a free test of their water. Also, during a flood event if your well head is under water the property owner qualifies for a free test of bacteria. The collaboration between Vernon, Crawford & Richland counties will be on Friday (4/12) Cathy & Melissa will be attending.

#9 Review and prioritize 2012 Land & Water plans goals; Melissa handed out the goals that were in the plan, this will be back on the May agenda for further discussion.

#10 Wildlife, nothing to report.

#11 Juli VanCleve gave a brief report. The DNR is looking at doing more outreach for forestry starting in July

#12 JoAnn Cooley gave the Farm Service Agency (FSA) report. Just got back from Prairie du Chien. MPP dairy program will kick off on June 17th, 2019. There is a sign up for dairy as of today that will be retro active to January of 2019. This special sign up will be until May 10th. There will be a CRP general sign up sometime in December with special provisions for those that had contract expire in the past couple of years. The commodity program will be in the fall of this year. The disaster program rules have changed.

#13 No NRCS report

#14 Committee member reports; none

#15 The following bills were presented for April; CK Norman development, \$916.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,143.58; Woodstock Nursery, \$616.00; Shopping News, \$66.10; Greeley Sign & Graphics, \$39.00; Kent Marshall, \$332.00; Cathy Cooper, \$150.76; Ken Anderson, \$279.48. Motion made by John Turgasen to pay the April bills as presented, second made by Melissa Luck. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be May 13, 2019 at 3pm.

Motion made by Melissa Luck to adjourn the meeting, second made by Shaun Murphy Lopez. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Secretary Pro-Temp

Cathy Cooper