

Land Conservation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#1 The Land Conservation meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Williamson at 3:05pm; those present were, Steve Williamson, Chad Cosgrove, Marc Couey, Shaun Murphy Lopez, Juli VanCleve, Cathy Cooper, Ken Anderson, Kent Marshall and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Melissa Luck was absent. No FSA representative nor an NRCS representative.

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

#3 Marc Couey motioned to approve the May meeting minutes as sent out second made by Shaun Murphy Lopez. Motion carried.

#4 Climate Resolution; skipped

#5 Outdoor Recreation Plan; Cathy doesn't have anything put together yet. This plan must be done May of 2020. Parks Commission will include Ash Creek Community Forest in the plan. This plan needs to be done before grant application can be done for Ash Creek Community Forest.

#6 Ash Creek Community Forest; A. Ad-Hoc meeting from April 12<sup>th</sup>; discussion of the meeting and the brochure that needs to be put together. D. Trail map; the map was discussed, Juli handed out a copy of the map she developed on the trails. The committee felt that the trails should be named at intersections with arrows or a paint line on trees. B. Grant application; Cathy showed how the trails have been mowed recently, Ken reported that the mowing of the trails seems to be getting less and less with every mowing. Chair Steve Williamson will discuss the mowing that has been done as the mowing is not being done as expected. Rich Wanless will be starting the Dam repair this week (6/10) This will be for 2020. C. Ordinance Amendment; this will need to be done at the Ad-Hoc meeting first. Shaun brought up that there are a group of 7-12-year-old children that Health & Human Services are working with over the summer that would like to have some actives to do. Cathy suggested for them to contact the office. Cathy informed the committee about the Hidden Valley insert.

#7 Mill Creek; Nothing new to report.

#8 Ken gave the Conservation Technician report; We will be receiving \$55,750 in cost share money this year. Ken did speak with Corporation Counsel Ben Southwick regarding county supervisor's receiving cost share money and he said that yes, they can receive cost share funding. The following contracts need to be approved; Steve Williamson, well abandonment for \$371.00; William Troxel, well abandonment for \$588.00; Scott Siefkes, riprap for \$28,035.00, this one will have to be recorded with Register of Deeds; Joe Triggs, riprap for \$10,150.00; Ithaca Lions Club, riprap for \$1,710.00, this cost share is a 50/50 as it is not for a private citizen, also the Sextonville Sanitation district is paying for a portion of the project because of the phosphorus reduction; Jim Weltzien, riprap for \$2,106.75 and Jan Glick riprap for \$6,025.75. Motion made by Marc Couey to approve the contracts presented, second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried.

#9 Kent gave the Working Lands (Farmland Preservation) report. Still working on Nutrient Management plans and doing farm reviews. Some of the low-lying fields are not planted yet, the fields are too wet.

#10 Cathy gave the County Conservationist report. A. Tri-County Water Testing; Cathy & Melissa met with Vernon & Crawford counties and came up with the name of "DAWS" Driftless Area Water Study, the group would like to do spring and fall testing next year. They are looking at maybe 300 wells tested between the 3 counties half in the spring and then the other half in the fall. The cost for this next year for Richland County could be up to \$25,000 for 2020. Committee member did ask about spring boxes and Cathy replied that this is strictly for wells. Cathy also informed the committee that we may be losing the printer that the office uses, as it is a federal printer. Cathy will let the committee know as soon as she knows more.

#11 Wildlife; nothing to report.

#12 Juli gave a brief DNR report. Todd spoke to her about a possibly start marking trees in case a tree sale comes up. Motion made by Shaun Murphy-Lopez to let the forestry department to start marking trees, second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried.

#13 No Farm Service Agency (FSA) report. Cathy did report that there is a Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program "CREP" sign up that needs to be done before the end of August.

#14 No NRCS report

#15 Committee member reports; none

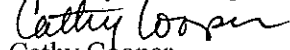
#16 The following bills were presented for June; CK Norman development, \$916.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,524.06; Rhyme Supplies, \$54.03; UW Stevens Point. \$728.00; Richland Observer, \$43.05; Premier Coop, \$166.91; Cathy Cooper, \$70.89. Motion made by Marc Couey to pay the June bills as presented, second made by Shaun Murphy-Lopez. Motion carried.

#19 The next meeting will be July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 3pm.

#20 Motion made by Marc Couey to adjourn the meeting, second made by Shaun Murphy-Lopez. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm.

Secretary Pro-Temp

  
Cathy Cooper