

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 12th, 2019

#1 The Land Conservation meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Williamson at 3:00 pm; those present were, Steve Williamson, Marc Couey, Melissa Luck, Chad Cosgrove, John Turgasen, Cathy Cooper, Kent Marshall, Todd Kenefick and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Shaun Murphy Lopez was absent.

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

#3 Chad Cosgrove motioned to approve the July 8th & 23rd meeting minutes as sent out second made by Marc Couey. Motion carried.

Tammy filled the committee in on Ken Anderson's on the job accident.

#4 Ash Creek Community Forest report A. Ordinance edit; the hours of the park will be one hour before sun rise and then closing one hour after sunset. Motion made by Chad Cosgrove to forward on the amendment to corporation counsel Ben Southwick for the next County Board meeting, second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried. B. Trail map; motion made by Chad Cosgrove to conditionally approve the trail map, second made by Marc Couey. Motion carried. Tammy will forward on the completed map after Lynn Newkirk, Zoning office finishes it. C. Kiosk for main entrance was next for approval. Tammy had a picture of the kiosk that will be used, this was handed around to the committee. Cathy brought up Don Wanless would like to mow the entire field that is no longer part of the CRP program, as it is getting over ran with briars and wild parsnip. The board agreed to have the entire field mowed. Kent then let the board know that Ken had weeded the perimeter of the parking lot. Melissa asked about the Richland County Tourism booklet that is available in a variety of areas and the fact that Ash Creek Community Forest is not in the booklet. The contact is Lon Arbegust. Back to the kiosk, Motion made by John Turgasen to approve the kiosk as presented to the full committee second made by Melissa Luck. Motion carried. Steve will be in contact with the sign maker to get this done. Todd Kenefick reported that the pine thinning has not been worked on yet.

#5 Cathy reported on Mill Creek Huth Dam, Brindley Dam. Robbins Dam. The Huth Dam is not draining and has been over the road for some time, it is plugged. Ken Anderson & Mike Dreischmeier have developed a plan for the draining and a cost estimate of \$4,960.00 just to fix the pipe. Still need to pump the water out just to get to the pipe. The office will be over budget with the pumping of the water. This needs to be done as soon as possible. Need a pump that will pump at least 1,000 gallons a minute, at this point it was suggested a slurry pumper. Marc Couey suggested taking this to personnel/finance. Cathy will contact some pumpers to see what they would charge and how soon they could get to the dam area. Conversation continued regarding the dam and the urgency of getting it corrected. The Brindley Dam is slowly draining, the inlet still needs to be cleaned off; John Turgasen reported that he was past the dam over the weekend and there was no standing water. The Robbins dam, nothing new to report.

#6 Conservation Technician report. Ken is out having knee surgery.

#7 Kent gave the Working Lands (Farmland Preservation) report. Still working on nutrient management plans and doing farm reviews. There is some training set up on September 5th, which is the week of the fair.

#8 Cathy gave the County Conservationist report. A. State preliminary report will get the office approximately \$6,000 more, Cathy will let Derek know when it is finalized. Cathy has been working on "CREP".

#9 Wildlife; nothing to report.

#10 Todd gave a brief DNR report, nothing new to report, people are on vacation. The Wisconsin Land owners grant program is out and they have over 50 grants in Richland County for property owners.

#11 No FSA report. New employee Nikki McCormick started last week, she will be working both Richland and Crawford counties.

#12 No NRCS report.

#13 Committee member reports; Melissa Luck reported that there is a meeting on August 20th at 2pm here for the "DAWS" study. Steve Williamson reported that he attended a Riverway board meeting last week, there is a large swine operation wanting to go in by Stueben, Crawford County. More conversation on Water quality in the County.

#14 The following bills were presented for August; CK Norman development, \$916.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,169.06; Ithaca Lions Club & Wanless Construction, \$1,940.00; UW Stevens Point, \$660.00; Premier Coop, \$162.28; Don Wanless, \$500.00; Scott Siefkes & Gary Manning, \$27,825.00. Motion made by Chad Cosgrove to pay the August bills as presented, second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried.

#15 The next meeting will be September 9th, 2019 at 3pm.

#16 Motion made by John Turgasen to adjourn the meeting, second made by Melissa Luck. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Secretary Pro-Temp

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy Cooper".

Cathy Cooper