

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2020

#1 The Land Conservation meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Chad Cosgrove at 3:00 pm; those present were, Melissa Luck, Chad Cosgrove, Marc Couey, Shaun Murphy Lopez, Greg Kinney, Cathy Cooper, Kent Marshall Ken Anderson, Connie Champnoise, Kris Stark and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Steve Williamson was on the phone. Joann Cooley arrived for the FSA report.

#2 Marc Couey motioned to approve the agenda and proof of publication, second made by Shaun Murphy-Lopez. Motion carried.

#3 Melissa Luck motioned to approve the February meeting minutes as sent out second made by Greg Kinney. Motion carried.

#12 DNR report. Juli VanCleve needs to leave early. The office will be moving to the middle building of the complex, this will have them closer to the trucks, the move will not happen until later this late spring early summer. The fire season has begun, Todd Kenefick has retired and hopefully this position will be filled later this summer. Juli at this point is acting forest ranger along with her supervisor Mike Finlay.

#4 Ash Creek Community Forest report. Melissa is waiting for final estimates for the walk bridge (Ken estimate is \$12,000) and the parking lot. He will get those numbers to Melissa as soon as possible. She would like to have the grant request written and ready to present to the committee at the April meeting. The committee reviewed the brochures to pick out. They have picked out the white with the topo and the trail lines a little wider. Steve asked about the in-kind labor rate. This rate would be based on the average of our paid staff hourly rate.

#5 Cathy reported on Mill Creek Watershed; Just got noticed that the grant was denied because it was late, it was mailed out on Monday the 24th, of February. It was not post marked until the 28th and it wasn't received until the 2nd, of March. It was required to be in hand at the state by 4:30 pm on the 28th of February. Cathy handed out the prioritized list of dam repairs that need to be done using the loan money. The waste from clearing out the Huth dam needs to be loaded and haul away. This needs to bid out. The prioritized list is as follows;

1. Replace the pipe on Robbson Dam
2. Repair cradle cracks on Ewers and Huth dams.
3. Remove willows in pool of Ewers, Huth and Durst dams
4. Remove beaver dam on Durst inlet
5. Mow dams that need it
6. Remove brush of Ewers and Durst dams
7. Remove debris from principle inlets of Dosch and Brindley dams
8. Flood proofing of the basement of the house near the Durst dam.
9. Remove material from the Huth dam repairs.

Dayton township would like the County to raise the road that goes through the flood pool of the Huth dam. This is the responsibility of the township, Marc Couey had an idea for Dayton to do on the road.

We will be working on future needs to be done as we work on these top 9 items.

#6 Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. He, Kent and Cathy attended the annual conference in Green Bay this year. He has been working with Dale Bender on the kayak landing at State Hwy 80 and County Hwy SR. this is partnering with the city for phosphorus reduction. Also been working with the Sextonville Treatment Plant for phosphorus reduction with 3 different landowners. Have rip rap projects with Greg Kinney, rip rap & crossing with Bill Hillman, dry dam with both Richard Merry and Bob Storms.

#7 Kent gave the Working Lands (Farmland Preservation) report. As always working on plans. He and Cathy with be in training on Tuesday for a new conservation desk top program that will be taking over the current toolkit program that is used with the NRCS department. We will be having Nutrient Management classes on Friday 3/13/2020 and Next Monday

3/16/2020 for landowners who write their own plans using the current snap plus program (19.2). Kent also reported about a report on Ecological Landscapes of Wisconsin, this report can be used if one is writing grants trying to restore land area. Melissa asked for the information be emailed out.

#8 Cathy gave the County Conservationist report. Need to let our landlord know by the end of April if we are staying or leaving the building at the end of June of this year. It was suggested for Cathy to contact the new County Administrator and invite him to the April meeting. Cathy handed out an update of the 2020 work plan. Shaun Murphy-Lopez suggested partnering with the highway department on invasive species on controlling the spreading of wild parsnip. Cathy reported that the water quality test letter will be sent out by the end of the week. Drop off locations will be listed for the people participating so they can drop off their samples.

She reported that workshops need to be small. Also, Cathy sent the manure storage ordinance to Lisa Trumble at the state. Cathy & Lisa will go over somethings within the ordinance.

#9 Livestock Siting Ordinance was discussed Shaun Murphy-Lopez asked to have this on the agenda. He thinks that it is a good thing to have KAFOS to come into compliance with our local ordinance. Discussion followed. Cathy will send a letter to property owners educating them of the ordinance requirements. Shaun Murphy-Lopez is concerned with parts of the bill that is being proposed by the state to taking away the Counties control of permitting. Kris Stark handed out information to the committee for their reading. Need to send a resolution to the state this fall regarding the maintaining of local control.

#10 Land and Water plan update; done with Cathy's report.

#11. Wildlife; nothing to report.

#13 FSA report. Joann Couey gave a report. They have a deadline of March 16th for PLC commodity program, March 23rd a sign up for Whip + disaster program. This is for flood disaster and it has been amended for excessive moisture. CRP crop reports are starting April 1st, this is starting again after 2 years of not doing it. CRP general sign up ended February 28th of this year. There was a large interest in the county rental rates are lower and mid management practices will still be required but there will not have any assistance, these should be ranked soon. Joann should be here more often this summer as the state have realigned the counties for CED duties. If the CREP boundaries change to 1000 feet there will be more interest in the county for this program.

#14 NRCS report. No one at the meeting.

#15 Committee member reports. No reports.

#16 The following bills were presented for March; CK Norman Development, \$926.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,100.23; Woodstock Nursery, \$189.50; Rhyme, \$249.99; Ken Anderson, \$195.53. Motion made by Shaun Murphy Lopez to pay the March bills as presented, second made by Melissa Luck. Motion carried.

#16 The next meeting will be April 13th, 2020 at 3pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Secretary Pro-Temp

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