

Richland County Land Conservation
December 14th, 2020
Meeting Minutes

#1 The December 14th, 2020 meeting was called to order via WebEx by Chair Steve Williamson at 4:05pm. Those present were, Steve Williamson, Melissa Luck, Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Lee VanLanduyt, Melvin “Bob” Frank, Greg Kinney, Cathy Cooper, Kent Marshall, Barb Scott and Tammy Cannoy-Bender.

#2 The agenda was mailed out and it was posted at the Courthouse bulletin board. Greg Kinney moved to approve the agenda and proof of notification second made by Melvin “Bob” Frank. Motion carried.

#3 The November 9th minutes were reviewed; motion made by Bob Frank to approve the November minutes, second made by Steve Williamson. Motion carried.

#4 Ash Creek – A. Trail marking project – Cathy reported to the committee that it will be cheaper to actually mark the trails coming and going with 2 individual signs. Jim Birch will work on the marking of the trails this spring. In the meantime, Cathy will work on getting hard numbers for the committee. Also, there is approximately \$8,800.00 in the Ash Creek Fund 79. The parking lot project will be put out for bids in the spring of 2021.

#6 Mill Creek – Cathy will need to confirm with Clinton Langreck, County Administrator on exactly how the Fund 75 money can be spent on the Mill Creek dam sites.

#7 Conservation Technician report – Cathy reported as Ken was not available. The Dale Servais project is complete. There will be one project from 2020 that will be carried over to 2021. Ken is working on reclamation plans for the Compton quarry off of Highway 154. Herb and Nona Bechtal have sold their property and will be applying for cost sharing to abandon the earthen manure pit on the property as it is part of the sale requirement.

#8 Working Lands Initiative (Farmland Preservation) report – Kent reported he continues to work on plans for farmers, Tammy has sent out the self-compliance reports for farmers to return back to the office by January 15, 2021 and they are starting to come back. The farmers are calling to confirm compliance or to find out what they need to do.

#9 County Conservationist report – Currently working on updating farm plans with farmers. The allocation from the state for staffing and cost sharing is out but not confirmed yet. The well water test meeting is tonight.

#10 Wildlife – nothing

#11 DNR report none.

#12 FSA report – Greg Kinney had nothing to report

#13 NRCS report -none.

#14 Committee members reports - none

#15 The following bills were presented; Greg Cerven, \$1,089.01; Dale Servais, \$25,392.50; UW Stevens Point, \$4,345.00. Motion made by Shaun Lopez-Murphy to pay the December bills as presented, second made by Melissa Luck. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday January 11th, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. via WebEx.

Motion made by Lee VanLanduyt to adjourn the meeting, second made by Melvin “Bob” Frank. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 4:37 p.m.

Cathy Cooper
Secretary Pro-temp