

**Land Conservation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2021**

The February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Land Conservation meeting was called to order via WebEx at 4:18 p.m. by Chair Steve Williamson. Present were Steve Williamson, Bob Frank, Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Lee Van Landuyt, Kent Marshall, Cathy Cooper, Greg Cerven and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Barb Scott was web-ex monitoring. Melissa Luck was absent.

Shaun Murphy-Lopez moved to approve the agenda and proof of notification. Seconded by Lee Van Landuyt. Motion carried.

Steve asked for any corrections or amendments to the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes. Motion made by Shaun Murphy-Lopez to approve the December minutes as sent out, second made by Bob Frank. Motion carried.

Chair Steve Williamson dropped down to #10 Wildlife. Greg Cerven presented 2 claims for wildlife damage Tom Clary for \$2,874.52 and Mike White for \$5,250.70. Motioned by Lee Van Landuyt to approve both claims, second made by Shaun Murphy-Lopez. Discussion of where the money comes from. Motion carried. The claims are at the office for Chair Steve Williamson to sign. Cathy added that the venison deer donation this year took in 28 deer for a total of 2528 lbs. of venison and of that the was 148 lbs. tested positive for CWD 2372lbs. was donated to the food pantry.

#4 Ash Creek Community Forest. Cathy reported that the marking signs will be \$2,088.00. Steve is looking into post for the placement of the signs on the trail. Part of the money for the parking lot will be covered with a grant from the state.

#5 Mill Creek - Cathy had nothing new to report.

#6 Conservation Technician Report - Ken is working on contracts for the 2021 season, he will have a few for next month.

#7 Working Lands Initiative/Farmland Preservation - Kent working with landowners and their nutrient management plans. Tammy has collected over \$4,000.00 in self compliance reports. She will be sending out a second notice to only a few.

#8 County Conservationist report – Cathy will have the staffing grant allocation for next month for the 2022 budget year. We will need to update the land and water resource management plan in the winter of this year for approval in 2022.

#9 Well Water Report – nothing new to report, the second round of testing should be happening in April of this year.

#11 DNR report – nothing to report.

#12 FSA (Farm Service Agency) – Cathy & Kent gave the report. CRP general sign up deadline was February 12. The Administration feels the program is being under-utilized so the 15 sign-up that Judy as already done along with future sign-ups are on hold. No new deadline has been announced. ARC/PLC enrollment deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>. The Quality Loss Assistance program deadline is March 5<sup>th</sup>. The office is currently open in Phase 2 which will allow 1 producer with appropriate face cover to enter the office after they answer the COVID screening questions otherwise the office door is still locked.

#13 NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) – nothing to report.

# 14 Committee Member Reports – none.

#15 Bills. The following bills were presented: CK Norman Development, \$938.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,097.42; WDATCP, \$30.00; Southern Area Association, \$145.00; Richland Locker, \$2,520.00 Bob Frank moved to approve the bills, seconded by Lee Van Landuyt. Motion carried

Next meeting was set for March 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm via Web Ex.

Shaun Murphy-Lopez moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Steve Williamson. Motion carried. The committee adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cathy Cooper**

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