

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2021

The August 9th, 2021 Land Conservation meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Vice Chair Melissa Luck. Present were Melissa Luck, Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Bob Frank, Lee Van Landuyt, Cathy Cooper, Tammy Cannoy-Bender and Kent Marshall. Steve Williamson and Greg Kinney were absent.

Bob Frank moved to approve the agenda and proof of notification. Seconded by Shaun Murphy-Lopez. Motion carried.

Melissa asked for any corrections or amendments to the June 14th, July 12th and 28th, 2021 minutes. Motion made by Shaun Murphy-Lopez to approve the minutes as sent out, second made by Lee Van Landuyt. Motion carried.

#4 2021 County Fair – What can be done for more visibility at the fair. Cathy will contact some of the other groups to ask if they would come out. Brochures are always available, and we will and the clean water clean boats information. Need signage directing people to the building. None of the representatives from other departments want to come out to the fair to set up any displays. Need to look into having the erosion display on a loop video for the fair. We do not have line item for repairs to the conservation building. Need to develop a list of things that need to be done at the conservation building using fund 75.

#5 Ash Creek Community Forest – Trail markings are done; however, the report has not been submitted from Daytona. Still need to draw up the resolution for Daytona's Eagle Scout badge. Need to look into purchasing a trailer flat bed for a crossing, we will write a grant in the spring for this. The trails have been mowed twice and will be mowed at least 1 more time this year. NRCS has had some training a couple times this year. Need to find out what the schools want to do for field days.

#6 Mill Creek – Cathy & Kent checked out the dams after the last heavy rain fall, they all look good. The Huth dam has been used to get the logs dragged off the property, this is not acceptable. Cathy will contact the owners of the property with what needs to be done to correct the erosion created.

#7 Conservation Technician Report – Ken is at the state fair this week, he does have a few more projects to finish yet this season along with a few more well abandonments. Potential projects for fund 75 will be on the September agenda.

#8 Working Lands Initiative/Farmland Preservation – A. Food plot planter – the current owner of the planter has not given us a price. Kent is working on what Tammy needs to get on the web site. Melissa Luck suggested Calumet & Columbia Counties to review what they have done. State Statute NR 151 was written to control the amount of fertilizer/nutrient being put on the soil along with controlling the runoff into the ground/surface water.

#9 County Conservationist report – A. Wild parsnip demonstration is still a work in progress, Cathy showed the committee how she has the budget set up for the upcoming year.

#10 Building Lease – The Landlord is working on the contract.

#11 Wildlife – nothing new to report

#12 DNR report – Eddy Shea is no longer the wildlife biologist for Richland County, nothing else new to report.

#13 FSA (Farm Service Agency) – no one at the meeting, Cathy reported that they are finishing up on CRP sign up and she has 1 CREP and 1 possible CREP.

#14 NRCS – Carlton was not at the meeting

#15 Committee Member Reports – nothing

#16 Bills. The following bills were presented: CK Norman Development, \$938.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,140.52; Premier Co-op, \$101.54; Pine River Leasing, \$105.00; Molecular Repair Concepts, \$2,633.62; Larry Engel & Advance Dairy Solutions, \$1,037.75. Bob Frank moved to approve the bills, seconded by Shaun Murphy-Lopez. Motion carried.

Next meeting was set for September 13th, at 4:00 pm. Possibly 3:30.

Lee Van Landuyt moved to adjourn the meeting. second made by Bob Frank. Motion carried. The committee adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Cooper

Cathy Cooper
Secretary pro temp
County Conservationist