

**Land Conservation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2021**

The September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Land Conservation meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Steve Williamson. Present were Steve Williamson, Melissa Luck, Greg Kinney, Lee Van Landuyt, Cathy Cooper, Ken Anderson, Tammy Cannoy-Bender and Kent Marshall. Shaun Murphy-Lopez and Bob Frank were late.

Melissa Luck moved to approve the agenda and proof of notification. Seconded by Greg Kinney. Motion carried.

Steve asked for any corrections or amendments to the August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes. Motion made by Lee Van Landuyt to approve the minutes as sent out, second made by Melissa Luck. Motion carried.

#4 2021 County Fair results – Cathy reported that the DNR fishery brought in a lot of mounts of fish that would be caught around here. Ken contacted the DNR office in Boscobel and got a lot of pelts for the kids to be able to touch and feel. The local DNR office brought the mounts that they had at the office. The make shift soil erosion demonstration worked really well. Melissa asked about the number of people that came thru the door, Kent & Ken reported that they had a good weekend. Cathy asked if the fishery people will bring the mounts again next year. Melissa provided then directional signs to direct people to the conservation building.

#5 Ash Creek Community Forest –

- A. Timber Sale: The County Administrator thinks that an accelerated timber sale is needed with the bulk of the sale going to the parks department, Cathy had spoken with the administrator and explained that the money earned from any timber sale off of the property maintains the Ash Creek.

#6 Mill Creek – Cathy informed the committee that USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service after 2022 would no longer assist the counties in completing the DNR required inspections of the dams. Counties would need to hire a private engineer to complete these. The counties involved will start discussing forming a consortium to go out for bids to do this. High hazard dams are every 2 years, significant are every 3-4 years and low hazard is every 10 years. Richland currently has 2 high hazard (Robbison and Popp), 2 significant (Durst and Brindley) and the rest are low hazard. Cathy has been trying the last several years to reduce the hazard rating to low or significant but with changes in DNR personnel it has been a challenge.

#7 Conservation Technician Report – Ken reported that Matt Otto's dam is completed as well as Jason Campbell's manure storage abandonment. There were also several wells that were decommissioned.

Ken passed out copies of a list of potential dry dam sites above the Mill Creek Dams. The thought was that maybe the fund 75 money could be used. The committee is questioning whether or not the money could be used on private property. Cathy will talk with Clinton and inform the committee at the next meeting.

#8 Working Lands Initiative/Farmland Preservation – Kent reported that he is working on conservation and nutrient management plans with producers. Also, the food plot planter owned by Pheasants Forever is going to a chapter in Lacrosse

#9 County Conservationist report –

- A. Wild Parsnip Demonstration- This money has been taken out of the budget.

Cathy informed the committee about conservation field days. With Covid numbers in schools going up and she does not feel comfortable holding this event.

Melissa asked about the update to the county's Land and Water Resource Management plan. Cathy said that We will need to start convening a work group in December and then go from there.

#10 Building Lease – Cathy talked with the landlord's wife this morning and she will be writing up an addendum. Cathy told her that the person signing on behalf of the county should be the county administrator.

#11 Wildlife – nothing new to report

#12 DNR report - nothing new to report.

#13 FSA (Farm Service Agency) – no one at the meeting,

#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, \$1,102.78 Premier Co-op, \$162.11; Jon Mohrman, \$1,127.00; Ed Uhlenhake & Advance Dairy Solutions, \$686.00; Jason Campbell & Riverway Trucking & Hackl Construction, \$3,640.00; Matt Otto & Wanless Construction LLC, \$8,785.00; Nathan Moe & Seep Plumbing & Electric, \$ 1,120.00; Cathy Cooper, \$107.10. . Melissa Luck moved to approve the bills, seconded by Lee Van Landuyt. Motion carried.

Next meeting was set for October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 pm.

Melissa Luck moved to adjourn the meeting. second made by Shawn Murphy Lopez. Motion carried. The committee adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cathy Cooper*

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