

**Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2022**

The January 10th, 2022 Land Conservation meeting was called to order 3:33 p.m. by Chair Steve Williamson. Present were Steve Williamson, Melissa Luck, Lee Van Landuyt, Bob Frank, Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Kent Marshall, Ken Anderson, Cathy Cooper and Tammy Cannoy-Bender.

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

Steve asked for any corrections or amendments to the December 13th, 2021 minutes. Motion made by Lee Van Landuyt to approve the December minutes as sent out, second made by Steve Williamson. Motion carried.

#4 Ash Creek Community Forest. Cathy reported she had nothing new to report. Steve reported that he and Bill D., walked part of it on a rainy day and he is thinking next winter for a cleanup of the scrub trees. Melissa Luck asked about the signs, Ken informed her that the signs have been posted. The parking lot will be the first thing to get done this coming spring according to the contractor. Steve and Juli from the DNR will get trees marked for removal before next winter.

#5 Mill Creek - Ken reported on the high hazard dams, he does have a list of potential property owners that may be interested. Ken & Cathy will have a contract for the committee approval, this money that we have available needs to be spent by December 31, 2022 or it goes back. There will need to be a way out for the county if there happens to be a weather event. Cost sharing is the next question maybe 90/10.

#6 Conservation Technician Report - Ken reported that for the 2022 season we will have \$54,500.00 for cost sharing for well abandonments, riprapping, and a variety of other conservation projects. He has been working with Hub-Rock for phosphorus trading, working on a property owner riprapping that will be going out for bid that will be installed this summer. Working with the Village of Cazenovia and the Village of Boaz for phosphorus trading. He is surveying and getting designs done for this coming construction season.

#7 Working Lands Initiative/Farmland Preservation - Kent reported that the self-compliance reports are coming back that Tammy had mailed out.

#8 County Conservationist report – Cathy reported that the FSA at the state level has informed JoAnn that the chair of the FSA county committee can no longer be a representative of the FSA department unless they are elected by the citizen of the county. They can however be a citizen member but cannot report on anything involving the FSA department.

#9 Wildlife – nothing to report.

#10 Land & Water Plan, Cathy reported she is working on the first step of getting a group together to review the current plan. Cathy will have at the February meeting a list of points that have been done on the previous plan.

#11 DNR report – nothing to report.

#12 FSA (Farm Service Agency) Cathy reported already

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

14 Committee Member Reports - Melissa Luck reported that she has a Land & Water committee meeting coming up later in the week.

#15 Future agenda items. Already discussed for the February agenda.

#16 Bills. The following bills were presented: CK Norman Development, \$1,892.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,084.93; Premier Co-Op, \$87.71; Pomp's Tire DeForest South. \$491.64; Bindl Tire & Auto. \$118.00:WL&WCA, \$1,362.00; Southern Area Association, \$145.00. Melissa Luck moved to approve the bills, seconded by Steve Williamson. Motion carried

Next meeting was set for February 14th at 3:30 p.m.

Shaun Murphy-Lopez moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lee VanLanduyt. Motion carried. The committee adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Cooper

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