

**Land Conservation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2022**

The March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Land Conservation meeting was called to order 3:35 p.m. by Vice Chair Melissa Luck. Present were Melissa Luck and Bob Frank were both via phone, Lee Van Landuyt, Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Kent Marshall, Ken Anderson, Cathy Cooper, and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Steve Williamson was absent.

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

Melissa asked for any corrections or amendments to the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, minutes. Motion made by Lee Van Landuyt to approve the February minutes as sent out, second made by Shaun Murphy-Lopez. Motion carried.

Cathy asked to move to her report just in case the phone connection is loss.

#8 County Conservationist report – A. Annual Joint Grant- will be presented at County Board on Tuesday Night, Cathy reviewed what will be on the grant. Motion made by Shaun Murphy Lopez to approve the grant application and forward it on the County Board, second made by Lee Van Landuyt. Motion carried. This is a little more than the year before, but it is no guarantee that we will receive it. Shaun Murphy Lopez ask the Vice Chair to ask for a revote as he didn't hear Bob Frank vote, he is also on the phone. Vice Chair Melissa Luck asked for all those in favor again, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Cathy asked Vice Chair to move to the bills just incase the phone connections are loss.

#16 Bills. The following bills were presented: CK Norman Development, \$946.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,104.31; Premier Co-Op, \$73.33; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$9.99. Bob Frank moved to approve the bills, seconded by Shaun Murphy-Lopez. Motion carried.

Melissa discussed the FSA member not being aloud to come to the meeting as a representative of them and the quorum for the meeting, Melissa will check with corporation council about the rules.

#10 Land & Water Plan – Cathy reported thar she has a meeting on Wednesday (3/16/2022) for the next step. Lisa Trumble from DATCP will be assisting Cathy with the process. Cathy will then report back to the committee at the April meeting.

#5 Mill Creek – Dam inspections 3 dams will be done this year that NRCS will be assisting the office with then there we have nothing for 2023 then 2 in 2024 1 in 2025 and 2 in 2026 that we will be advertising for a better rate on all of them. Ken Anderson reported that he had one Landowner that wants to do a dam and then he has 2 other landowners that are very interested in doing dams. All the owners are absentee owners.

#6 Conservation Technician Report – Ken nothing to report.

#7 Working Lands Initiative/Farmland Preservation – Kent is working on NMPs and promoting the program with a new landowner who has 250 acres and is interested in the program.

Cathy also reported that she is working on the work plan that is due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. She also reported on the status of the new office at the courthouse. Currently in a holding pattern, waiting for EMS to leave and the remodeling to happen.

#9 Wildlife – a program was offered at the senate floor for the DNR to take everything over and it died on the floor.

#11 DNR report – nothing to report.

#12 FSA (Farm Service Agency) there doors are now open for business. CRP sign up ended Friday.

#13 NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) – there doors are now open for business.

# 14 Committee Member Reports . Nothing to report.

#15 Future agenda items. Keep the Land & Water plan on the agenda.

#4 Ash Creek Community Forest. Nothing ever reported.

Next meeting was set for April 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. This meeting will be the last meeting with the current committee.

Shaun Murphy-Lopez moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lee Van Landuyt. Motion carried.

The committee adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cathy Cooper*

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Secretary pro temp  
County Conservationist