

**Land Conservation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2022**

The April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Land Conservation meeting was called to order 3:35 p.m. by Chair Steve Williamson. Present were Steve Williamson, Melissa Luck, Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Kent Marshall and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Bob Frank and Lee Van Landuyt were absent.

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

Chair Steve Williamson asked for any corrections or amendments to the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, minutes. Motion made by Melissa Luck to approve the March minutes as sent out, second made by Shaun Murphy-Lopez. Motion carried.

#4 Ash Creek Community Forest. Melissa reported that she has gone hiking there and the trail markers are great even with some having bullet holes. She noticed coming down the green trail something that appeared to be trail cams. Kent suggested possible nesting boxes. She still would like to have mini maps noting you are here. Still would like to have a trail from the city to Ash Creek. Melissa would also like to have the highway 80 parking lot taken care of. Strategic plan, we need to put capitol funds into the property.

#5 Mill Creek – A. Dam Inspection – 7 counties are working together to get a proposal for all of the dams that need to be inspected of the next five years. NRSC will be doing inspection this year. The next inspection will be in 2 in 2024, 1 in 2025 and 2 in 2026 B. Capitol 75 funds – need to meet with landowners. This fund needs to be spent by March of 2023

#6 Conservation Technician Report – Ken has left employment with Richland County. Cathy is working with Clinton for the next step. While we are in that process, DATCP engineering staff offered to help however, one will be leaving on maternity leave in May, that will leave one person to cover 12 counties, we will need to be patient. Ken left a list of projects with status all. There are 3 contracts for approval at this point. Gerald McCauley for a cattle crossing for \$6,655.00, Tom Munz well abandonment for \$877.80 and well abandonment for Paul Deckert for \$1,745.45. Motion made by Shaun Murphy-Lopez to approve all three contracts. Second made by Melissa Luck. Motion carried.

#7 Working Lands Initiative/Farmland Preservation – Kent is working on Nutrient management plans, helped a lady with her soil test to get back into the program. Tammy is working on getting more people involved with the program.

#8 County Conservationist report – Kent reported that Cathy and Clinton are working on updating job descriptions for her position and for the Planner/Technician positions.

#9 Wildlife – nothing new to report.

#10 Land & Water Plan - Cathy will be sending in the 2022 work plan. She has been working with a variety to people to get the next plan updated. She has been working with Lisa Trumble from DATCP with the current plan. Lisa stated that it looks like most things were covered. We need the update to include a statement regarding climate change. Need to also include new data regarding well study results. All of this will need to be sent on to DNR by August, then there will be a public hearing in September this will go to County Board for their approval in October and then Cathy will present the new plan to Land + Water Board in December.

#11 DNR report – nothing to report.

#12 FSA (Farm Service Agency) COVID issues again.

#13 NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) – Carlton is splitting time with Viroqua and Richland Count.

# 14 Committee Member Reports . Shaun Murphy-Lopez said it has been a pleasure working with everyone for the last 4 years, Melissa agreed and working with direction of Steve Williamson. With the new committee structure.

#15 Future agenda items.

#16 Bills. The following bills were presented: CK Norman Development, \$946.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,089.01; Premier Co-op, \$171.69; DNR Accounts Receivable, \$3,656.33. Shaun Murphy-Lopez moved to approve the bills, seconded by Melissa Luck. Motion carried.

Next meeting was set for May 2, 2022, at 9:00 am. This meeting is part of the new committee structure.

Shaun Murphy-Lopez moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Melissa Luck. Motion carried.

The committee adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tammy Cannoy-Bender*

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Land Conservation/Parks Secretary