

The Dodge County Land and Water Conservation Committee met on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 8:15 A.M., in the First Floor Conference Rooms, Rooms 1H & 1I, Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

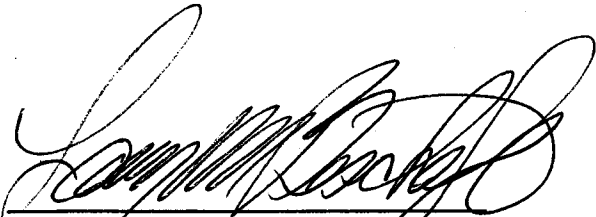
1. Meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Bischoff at 8:15 a.m.
2. Members present: William Muche, William Foley, Lisa Derr, Dale Macheel, Larry Bischoff, Allen Behl and James Qualmann.

Others present: Other staff and non-committee members included John Bohonek, County Conservationist, Jared Winter, LWCD, Kathy Turner, NRCS, Anthony Johnson, NRCS and Becky Justmann, LWCD.
3. No public comment.
4. A motion was made by Allen Behl and seconded by James Qualmann to approve the February 4, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.
5. Other agency monthly updates.
 - Kathy Turner, NRCS introduced Anthony Johnson to the Committee. Anthony is the new Soil Conservationist. Anthony took a few moments to share with the committee his background. NRCS is trying to catch up due to the furlough. They are working on updating their software to the New Farm Bill. No updates on any new programs at this time.


 - No report from Farm Service Agency due to no representative at the meeting.
6. Bills and Revenue were reviewed by John Bohonek.
7. The Farmland Preservation software is coming along. Have had 3 calls in the past few weeks. Will be speaking again this afternoon. Tom has been in contact with Jesse O'Neill with Land Resources and Parks Dept. regarding tying the Farm Land Preservation software with Land Records. The current software will not show when a change is made regarding a land change. John will follow up with Tom to see if this can be added to the software program. Hope to be able to do a test the first week in March. DATCP and the DNR are working on a similar program for FPP and record changes which will be free.
8. The Healthy Soil Healthy Water Expo was held February 6th & 7th. The first day event attendance was 134. This number is down a bit from the past. The evening event sponsored by the Lake Districts had an attendance of approximately 60. The seconded day event held at Dale Macheel's shop had an attendance of 64. Over all view of the events were good. The Healthy Soil Healthy Water group next event will be held April 3rd at Rick Wondra's Farm in Brownsville. Fransico Arriaga will be discussing compaction. It will be an afternoon session around 2-3 hours long.

9. The 2020 SWRM Grant is ready to be sent to DATCP. Staffing salaries and cost sharing grants are covered under the SWRM grant. WI Land & Water is petitioning to have the grant amounts increased.
10. John Bohonek reviewed the LWR Cost Share for 2019. The amount for 2019 is \$29,500 along with money that was carried over from 2018.
11. The WLWCA Conference is being held in March. Three LWCC members will be attending.
12. The Land and Water Conservation Dept. received 140 poster for the Conservation Awareness Poster Contest. There were 5 divisions/age groups. The 1st place posters were sent to the Regional Contest held in Dane County. The posters from Dodge County took 1st place in 4 out of the 5 divisions at the Regional contest. Those poster will now move on to the State Contest that is held at the WLWCA Conference in March.
13. Jared Winter presented a brief presentation on the Cover Crop seminar he attended in Iowa. Jared told the group that he defiantly took away things from the seminar that he can now take back to the Farmers of Dodge County. There was just a recent Cover Crop Conference held at UW Stevens Point with around 420 attendees that some of the LWCD staff attended. They also attended the DATCP Conference held the day before with the topic of how to speak with farmers. Several comments on how very informative that topic was.
14. There currently around 2500 trees left to sell in the LWCD annual tree sale. John contacted the Nursery and made some adjustments to the order. The sale has been extended and will be extended again if necessary. The department should be able to sell the remaining trees. There are usually sales the day of pick up.
15. Committee Member Reports
 - Lake Sinissippi District – Bill Muche
 - Nothing to report. Bill was unable to attend meeting due to it being the same evening as the County Board Meeting.
 - Beaver Dam Lake – Bill Foley
 - They did receive the grant from the WDNR to help with the cost of replacing the Navigational buoys. Along with money from the City of Beaver Dam Lake Development Corp. and the Lake Association they will be replacing half of the buoys. 40 more signatures are still needed for the Association to move forward to becoming a District. They may be interested in purchasing some trees for the LWCD tree sale for a field work day with students from the Beaver Dam School.
 - Fox Lake – Dale Macheel
 - The Fox Lake District is meeting at the same time as the LWCC meeting. Dale will be attending the meeting after the LWCC meeting.

16. A motion to approve Per Diems made by Lisa Derr and seconded by Allen Behl. Motion carried.
17. Next meeting will be March 25, 2019 at 8:15 a.m.
18. Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Bill Muche and seconded by James Qualmann. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.



Larry Bischoff/Chair



Lisa Derr/Secretary