

**The Dodge County Land and Water Conservation Committee met on Monday, May 20, 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. John introduced Sarah Marks the new LWCD Healthy Soil Healthy Water Intern to the committee.

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, Anthony Johnson, NRCS, Sarah Marks, HSHW Intern and Becky Justmann, LWCD.

3. No public comment.

4. A motion was made by Allen Behl and seconded by James Qualmann to approve the April 22, 2019 minutes. Motion Carried.

5. Other Agency monthly updates.

- Anthony Johnson, Natural Resource Conservation Service.
  - Working on USDA compliance reviews.
  - Continuing to accept applications for all programs.
  - Continued training with grassland initiatives through CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program).
- No report from Farm Service Agency due to no representative at the meeting.

6. Bills and Revenue were reviewed by John Bohonek.

7. Farmland Preservation Software Program

- Has been linked to the GIS program.
- Few minor changes need to be made yet.

Voluntary Notice of Non-Compliance

- Motion made by Dale Macheel and seconded by William Muche to approve one Notice of Non-Compliance. Motion carried.

8. Well Testing Program.

- Letters will go out next week for the well testing in the Town of Beaver Dam and Burnett.
- Lisa D shared the information she received from Kevin with UW Stevens Point.
  - Actions taken by well owner if well test results are bad is to treat the well, put a new well in or drink bottled water. Actions taken by well owners are hard to track.

- Spoke regarding Green County's program.
  - 5 year plan.
  - 10-15 volunteers per township to have their well tested every year.
  - Possible start through UW Stevens point in 2020.
- Kevin suggested that we take a look at Portage County's program.
- Kevin is willing to come in and talk with the committee.
- John has spoken with Russell Kottke regarding ground water committee. Waiting to hear back from him.
- Next steps
  - Hoping committee will be of help.
  - Look to the State for guidance. Lisa will look into who the committee will need to contact.

9. Animal Waste Ordinance Violations.

- Town of Lowell violation.
  - Structure does not meet standards. They are working with an Engineer.
  - Soil investigation and samples have been taken. Waiting for the results.
  - Engineer will make recommendations on how to correct it after the results are back.
  - They have animals already in the barn.
- Clyman Violation.
  - Landowners daughter has contacted LWCD regarding turning the manure storage into a feed storage unit.
  - John has discussed with the landowners daughter what they would need to do to convert it. Have not heard back from her.
  - If they choose not to convert or make the changes to the manure pit they would need to abandon it.
  - There are currently no animals on the property.

10. Update on LWR cost share projects.

- There is one project approved but are waiting for the weather to get better to start.
- Three projects were carried over from last year.
- Two other projects have been paid out this year.

11. Tree Sales Update.

- 20,475 trees sold this year.
- There were a few problems with the trees from the nursery. Winter kill had affected the amount of trees we could receive from them. Also had an issue with some of the trees looking like something had chewed the ends. Had to find another nursery to supply replacement trees.

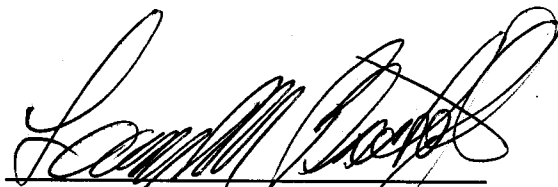
12. Committee Member Reports.


- Lake Sinnissippi District – Bill Muche
  - Nothing to report due to not being able to attend meeting.
- Beaver Dam Lake – William Foley
  - 55 buoys were installed on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - A public hearing will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding the reduction of the water level in the Lake.
    - Bill reviewed the handout that went over the details.
  - Fish 'n Fun event will be held at Edgewater Park on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Kayak event will be held at Waterworks Park on June 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - New DNR Warden for Dodge County will be at the Lake Management meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Fox Lake District – Dale Macheel
  - Meeting was held May 9, 2019.
  - They will be selling their wood chipper and boat to purchase a skid loader.
  - Will be making some changes to the cover crop program. Farmers will need to report the number of acres and which fields they will be planting the cover crop.
  - The easement with the Prison Farm is prepared, waiting on the State.
  - Ag 101 is being planned. It is an educational event for the Lake property owners on manure management. Still looking for a location to hold it.
  - Discussion regarding the Slag plan.
  - Will be hosting a social event at the Fox Lake Golf Course for Farmers and Lake Property owners on June 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - SAGES school in Fox Lake will be holding their annual event. They are looking for 4 additional pontoon boats.
  - Request to hook up 4 new lots was approved.

13. A motion was made to approve the Per Diems by Lisa Derr and seconded by Allen Behl. Motion carried.

14. Next meeting will be held June 24, 2019 at 8:15 a.m.

15. A motion to adjourn meeting was made by Lisa Derr and seconded by Allen Behl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

  
Larry Bischoff/Chair

  
Lisa Derr/Secretary