

The Dodge County Land and Water Conservation Committee met on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 8:15 a.m., in the First Floor Conference Rooms, Rooms 1F & 1G, Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Bischoff at 8:15 a.m.

Members present: William Foley, William Muche, Lisa Derr, Larry Bischoff, Dale Macheel, Allen Behl and James Qualmann.

Member(s) Absent: None

Others Present: Other staff and non-committee members included County Conservationist John Bohonek, County Administrator Jim Mielke, Farm Service Agency Representative Matt Peplinski, Natural Resource Conservation Service Soil Conservationist Anthony Johnson and LWCD Becky Justmann.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Allen Behl, seconded by James Qualmann to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Other Agency Monthly Updates

- Matt Peplinski with Farm Service Agency
 - FSA fiscal year is the end of September. Anything after September 30th will be delayed.
 - Sign up for 2019 Dairy Margin Coverage Program closed September 27th. Sign up for 2020 begins October 7, 2019 with a deadline of December 13, 2019.
 - Deadline for fall crop reporting is November 15, 2019.
 - ARC/PLC program 2019 started September 3, 2019 with deadline of March 15, 2020. ARC/PLC 2020 start October 7, 2019 with a deadline of June 30, 2020.
 - Just completed a CRP continuous and CREP signup.
- Anthony Johnson with Natural Resource Conservation Service
 - NRCS fiscal year is the end of September.
 - Anthony reviewed some of the programs with NRCS.
 - Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP).
 - Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).
 - Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) sign up ASAP.
 - Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) sign up ASAP.
 - Applications are accepted for programs year round and announce deadlines for batching/ranking dates as soon as they are released by the State Office. More information is available on the NRCS website under program link.

Bills and revenue were reviewed by John Bohonek.

Updates on 2019 Transect Survey

- John explained to the committee what the Transect Survey was and how it was completed. He reviewed the results summary.

Update on Well Testing program

- John sent copies of the current proposed well testing program from UW Stevens Point to the Committee. He asked the committee to review the proposal and have any changes/suggestions to him by 10/2/19.
- The proposed well testing program is a 5 year commitment which can be extended.
- LWCD responsibilities would be locating information on the wells that would meet the qualifications for the testing program, educational meetings and sharing information. Possibly involvement from the Health Department to help with the promotion and education. John will contact them and get the proposed program to them and arrange a time to meet with them to discuss.
- Will need to increase the amount budgeted for well testing for 2020.
- The program will have to go to the November board meeting as a resolution.

Animal Waste Storage

- Have not heard from Adam Zimmerman since the last meeting.
- Have received an application from Heritage Swine.
- Clyman property has been sold. LWCD staff has visited the site. There are currently no animals on the property. The new owners has been contacted. They are aware of the issue with the existing manure pit. John will send the new owners the information that he has from the Engineer with the solutions to fix the current structure. The new owners will then have to decide what they will do. It was discussed that they will have 30 days to make a decision once they receive the information John sends them from the Engineer.
- Two permits were issued for new structures in Dodge County. One is a CAFO that is adding additional storage.

Farmland Preservation

- Software
 - The program is progressing. Currently working on creating the reports that will need to be run.
- Notices of Non-Compliance
 - Motion by Allen Behl, seconded by Bill Muche to approve 1 notice of non-compliance. Motion carried.

Land and Water Resource Management Program Conservation Practices

- John reviewed the form and the explanation for the new format.
- \$5436.00 not yet allocated.

Lake Sinissippi-Rock River 9-key Element Plan

- The plan has been approved. Copies were given to the committee members. It is also available on the Land and Water Conservation Webpage.
- An informational meeting will be held for landowners to go over the plan and answer any questions.

Committee Member Reports

- Lake Sinissippi - Bill Muche
 - Meeting was held September 10, 2019.

- Shoreline restoration: They will be watching the Lakes water flow and how the water released from the Dams effect the shoreline. The will be checking it in the spring and fall to see which is more damaging to the shoreline.
- Buoys will be removed from the Lake on October 15th.
- Boat launch project will get done by fall.
- Will be working with the waste water plant to improve better water quality.
- Lake was restocked with fish on September 21st.
- Anthony Island shoreline project completed.
- Water monitoring has been completed. Last sample taken in August.
- Beaver Dam Lake – William Foley
 - Officer elections were held on August 27, 2019.
 - Discussion was held regarding the Lakes water level.
 - Petitions were submitted to Dodge County for the formation of the Beaver Dam Lake District. Signature were counted and verified. Land Resources and Parks Committee has been assigned. A public hearing will be held on October 3, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
 - The Association has purchased a used pontoon boat to use for buoy removal from the Lake.
 - The seed for Skunk Island had been received. They will be planting in October.
- Fox Lake – Dale Macheel
 - Meeting was held on September 12, 2019.
 - Charlie Nelson with Fox Lake Preservation Organization, Inc. update them on the cover crop seed program and the Charlie Hammer Slag project.
 - Their Lake management plan is out of date. Neal O’Reilly will prepare a new one.
 - Waste Water Treatment Plant needs to have sludge removal done. There is a possibility that during removal the liner may be damaged. A new liner may need to be installed. The District pays 40% of their operation.

Motion by Lisa Derr, seconded by James Qualmann to approve the Per Diems. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held October 28, 2019 at 8:15 a.m.

Motion by Bill Muche, seconded by Dale Macheel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Larry Bischoff/Chair

Lisa Derr/Secretary

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

BILLS

Wire display rack	\$113.23
Gene's Tire (new tires for F150)	\$595.28
Gene's Tire (front end alignment for F150)	\$59.95

TOTAL \$768.46

REVENUE

FPP late fee	\$150.00
FPP Service Fee	\$175.00
manure storage permit and penalty fee	\$2,000.00
Tree Sales	\$685.00
Cost share reimbursements for: Macheel, Zimmerman, Klawitter, Lauersdorf, Franke	\$20,590.00

TOTAL \$23,600.00

