

The Dodge County Land and Water Conservation Committee met on Monday, January 27, 2020 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, Lisa Derr, Larry Bischoff, Dale Macheel, Allen Behl and James Qualmann.

Member(s) absent: William Muche

Others present: Other staff and non-committee members included County Conservationist John Bohonek, FSA/CED Matt Peplinski, NRCS District Conservationist Kathy Turner, USDA-APHIS Wildlife Specialist Mike Burg, D.C. Land Resources and Parks Dept. Director Bill Ehlenbeck and LWCD Administrative Secretary Becky Justmann.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Allen Behl and seconded by Lisa Derr to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Other Agency Monthly Updates

- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) – Kathy Turner
 - EQIP sign up application deadline is February 28, 2020.
- Farm Service Agency – Matt Peplinski
 - They are hiring a full-time Program Technician. Application is available on line.
 - General sign up for CRP deadline is February 28, 2020.
 - ARC sign up for 2019 deadline is March 15, 2020.

Bills and Revenue were reviewed by John Bohonek.

2019 Wildlife Crop Damage Claims – Mike Burg, USDA-APHIS

- Mike Burg reviewed the handout with the claims listed.
- He explained how they access and figure out the damage.

Motion by Allen Behl and seconded by Dale Macheel to approve the 2019 Wildlife Crop Damage Claims. Motion carried.

Lake Representative for BD Lake District – Bill Ehlenbeck, LRP

- Bill explained that the County needs to appoint 4 of the 5 commission members.
- Looking for a member of the LWCC for recommendation.
- Bill Foley was recommended.

Farmland Preservation software updates

- Still have a few glitches with the software that are being worked on.

Farmland Preservation Notices of Non-Compliance

- In November 2019, 14 notices of non-compliance were sent out. Four choose to get out for different reasons. Eight of those non-compliance re-submitted what they needed. Two waited

too long to respond and the paper work was sent to Madison. Motion is needed to get them back in the program.

Motion by Lisa Derr and seconded by Dale Macheel to submit the paperwork that is needed to get them back into Farmland Preservation. Motion carried.

WLWCA Legislative Updates

- Will put this off until April meeting.

2020 Southern Area Association Dues

Motion by Lisa Derr and seconded by Allen Behl to approve the 2020 Southern Area Association Dues of \$145.00. Motion carried.

WLWCA Annual Conference

- Conference is being held March 4-6, 2020 in Green Bay.
- Currently 2 LWCD staff and 3 LWCC members will be attending.

Well Testing Program Update

- Well testing program has been approved by the County Board.
- Kevin with UW Stevens Point is working on the contract.
- We will be able to move forward once the contract is received and signed.

Tree Sale Update

- Currently have around 1500 trees left to sell.
- Will continue to sell the species that are left up until pick up.

Committee Member Reports

- Lake Sinissippi District – William Muche
 - William Muche was absent.
- Beaver Dam Lake – William Foley
 - They have a revised Dam order in effect for this fall.
 - Change will be the dates that the reduction of water will take place. It is currently done in March and will now take place starting October 9th and have the reduction complete by October 15th.
 - Beaver Dam Lake is requesting 2 grants for March 3 grant period.
 - Money will be used for native plantings and diversions for Rakes Bay.
 - DNR will be providing them with a digital map for the Beaver Dam Lake.
- Fox Lake District – Dale Macheel.
 - Meeting was held January 9, 2020
 - Fox Lake Wastewater will have to have sludge removal done. No date has been set yet.
 - The system is aged and will need upgrades. They have been setting money aside for this.
 - They have been contacted by a homeowner regarding them being charged for their property that has been disconnected.

- Lake management plan has been submitted.
- Waiting on the legal department from the prison regarding the easement.
- Fox Lake police dept. has been contacted regarding a schedule for an officer to accompany the District employee to a property where there was a prior incident.
- They will be providing some financial support to Hammer/Kavazanjian project.
- Looking into some changes to the Cover Crop program. Instead of giving seed to the farmers they are looking at possible incentives for use of conservation practices.

Motion by James Qualmann and seconded by Allen Behl to approve Per Diems. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held February 24, 2020 at 8:15 a.m.

Upcoming events – Healthy Soil Healthy Water Soil Health Expo is being held February 5, 2020.
WLWCA Conference is being held in Green Bay March 4-6, 2020.

Motion by Lisa Derr and seconded by Dale Macheel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Larry Bischoff/Chair

Lisa Derr/Secretary

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

2/24/2020

BILLS

Southern Area Association dues	\$145.00
Dodge County Farmers HSHW	\$1,500.00

TOTAL **\$1,645.00**

REVENUE

Small Packet Tree Orders	\$3,285.00
FPP Service Fees	\$50.00
FPP Late Fee	\$100.00

TOTAL **\$3,435.00**