

# JUNEAU COUNTY LAND & WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Joe Lally, Chair, Wonewoc  
Rodney Seamans, LaValle  
Jim Raese, FSA Representative, Wonewoc

Gary Frei, Camp Douglas  
Scott Wilhorn, Necedah

**Land & Water Resources Committee  
January 11, 2018 - 8:00 am  
U.W. Extension Meeting Room, Hickory Building, Mauston, Wisconsin**

PRESENT: Joe Lally, Chair, Rodney Seamans, Gary Frei, Scott Wilhorn, Tim Cottingham, FSA Rep. Jim Raese, John Williams, NRCS Rep. Lindsy Hagen, LWRD Reps. Matt Komiskey, & Brian Geopfert, APHIS. Phil Peterson

1. Meeting called to order by chair, Joe Lally, at 8:00 am.
2. MINUTES  
Motion by Gary Frei, seconded by Rodney Seamans to approve the minutes of December 14, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.
3. VOUCHERS  
The following vouchers were submitted to the committee for review and approval:
  - Highway Department – (Fuel)
  - USDA APHIS 2017 final bill – (administration charges)
  - Wisconsin River Meats – (Wildlife Damage – Venison Donation)
  - The Messenger – (Subscription)Motion by Rodney Seamans, seconded by Jim Raese to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.
4. WILDLIFE DAMAGE ABATEMENT
  - No damage claims this year and no noncompliance issues
  - Landowner near Elroy is having significant damage from deer and will likely participate in 2018
  - Didn't have to evaluate crop prices with no claims this year
  - Bears and wolves are still an issue in northern Juneau County
5. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
  - Janice Kelley will be teleworking from Mauston on a temporary assignment.
  - CSP: 90% of payments have been made, March 9<sup>th</sup> deadline for remaining payments

- EQIP – Deadline January 12 for 1<sup>st</sup> round of 2018 funding. Applications ranked include 3 cover crops, 1 no-till, 1 tree planting, 1 pollinator habitat, and ~40 acres of prescribed grazing.
  - March 2<sup>nd</sup> is deadline for 2<sup>nd</sup> EQIP signup including local practices and statewide cover crop/soil health sign up
6. FSA REPORT
    - Currently working on preparing for the office move.
    - There is a part-time employee currently helping out with move and current workload
    - Bethany is now back full time
    - Current workload includes CRP re-enrollments
    - There are concerns of potential frost kills for cover crops and alfalfa
  7. Office Move Discussion and Cooperative Agreement
    - Tim updated group that the potential move date has postponed up to two additional weeks but contractors are pulling people in to make up the difference
    - There is a calendar being worked on to show who is moving and when, once an occupancy date is identified.
    - The NRCS contribution agreement has been signed by both Juneau County and NRCS, which allows NRCS to pay for the County space in a private lease
    - Need to review with Corporate Council if a vote is needed to approve the move once more information is gathered.
  8. LWRM PLAN UPDATE
    - Rough draft of the LWRM plan is moving along
      - Working with Land Information to produce maps
      - Working with DATCP to approve potential layout
      - Have a majority of the plan written
      - Plan to have a rough draft in February
    - Goal of the plan is to include items that we are going to work on and will be looking for support to accomplish those goals
  9. Manure Storage Ordinance
    - Brian updated board on the changes in the 313 standard and the difference between the state and federal standard
    - Discussed what this ordinance may mean to the county producers and our approach to conservation
    - Meeting will be held in the next two weeks to discuss changes and options with a small group to get input into the standard.
  10. LWRD Dress Code
    - HR wanted dress codes to be approved by each department
    - Matt presented a potential dress code policy that highlights the working conditions of LWRD
    - Scott Wilhorn made a motion to accept the LWRD policy as presented, seconded by Rodney Seamans, motioned carried
  12. LWRD Vehicle Selection
    - Matt sent out documents for sealed bids to 3 local dealers for a ½ ton 4X4 pick-up truck.
    - 3 bids were received, opened by the committee, and were reviewed

- Scott Wilhorn made a motion to allow Matt to select which vehicle made the most sense for the department, seconded by Rodney Seamans, motioned carried.
  - Matt will review bids and make selection
13. New/Other business
- Lake Redstone Producer meeting on Feb 21, 2018
  - Contractors meeting the end of February
  - Putting together final plans for funding request to install conservation practices at Wilderness Park
  - Putting together multi-county proposal for Edge-of-Field monitoring project
  - Received two TRM grants for roofed barnyards
  - Have several potential joint projects with NRCS, including a grazing system and streambank projects
  - Starting to identify County projects this year, including barnyards, manure storage, diversions, waterways, gutters
  - Kerrie is working on a Logo for the department to be used for the vehicles and clothing
15. Next meeting was set for February 8, **2018 at 8:00 am** in the **U.W. Extension Meeting Room.**
15. Meeting adjourned – Motion by Rodney Seamans, seconded by Jim Rease to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m. Motion carried.