

# 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  
August 10, 2017 - 8:30 am  
U.W. Extension Meeting Room, Hickory Building, Mauston, Wisconsin**

PRESENT: Joe Lally, Chair, Rodney Seamans, Gary Frei, Scott Wilhorn, County Board Member Tim Cottingham, FSA Rep. Jim Raese, NRCS Rep. Jon Field, LWRD Rep. Matt Komiskey

1. Meeting called to order by chair, Joe Lally, at 8:30 am.
2. MINUTES  
Motion by Rodney Seamans, seconded by Gary Frei to approve the minutes of July 13, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.
3. VOUCHERS  
The following vouchers were submitted to the committee for review and approval:
  - Kerrie Wheeler – (Contracted Services & Mileage)
  - The Highway Department – (Fuel)
  - Brian Goepfert – (meal)
  - Monroe County Solid Waste – (clean sweep tipping fee – paint)
  - Festival Foods – (clean sweep supplies)
  - Dynamic Recycling – (clean sweep – e-waste disposal)Motion by Jim Raese, seconded by Scott Wilhorn to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.
4. WILDLIFE DAMAGE ABATEMENT
  - o No update
5. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
  - o Construction activities have started with installations of critical area and waterways
  - o 11 new applications for CSP
  - o A lot of interest in Monarch CRP and pollinator habitat
  - o Jon will be full time back in Mauston after Labor day
6. WORKLOAD UPDATE
  - o Much like the NRCS update, projects are starting construction.

7. DRAINAGE DISTRICT UPDATE
  - No Update
8. Multi-Discharge Variance Information
  - Matt presented the background of the Multi-Discharge Variance options for point sources
  - Matt reviewed potential funding and requirements that come with the funding
9. NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE
  - Still no word on if the grant is going to be awarded to Juneau County
  - Need to develop first training within a month
10. NRCS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
  - Submission of the contribution agreement is going to be held off until lease situation is determined
  - If USDA goes to a private lease, NRCS is willing to do shared space agreement to offset lease costs up to \$9,800/yr
  - Original contribution agreement was a 3yr agreement for up to \$17,000
11. CLEAN SWEEP UPDATE (postponed till September)
12. LCC SUMMER TOUR
  - Have a call into Golden Sands Dairy – no response
13. HIGH WATER/USGS STUDY UPDATE
  - Information was presented to the township as well as potential cost to perform additional study of impacted area – no response
  - USGS provided LADSAT images of the flooded area that agree with initial assessment of the flooded area
  - Discussed high water issues in the Marion Township
  - Matt will participate in joint discussion with Juneau and Wood emergency management over high water issues next week
14. 2018 FUNDING & OFFICE MOVE DISCUSSION
  - Tim gave an update on the County's submission for the USDA lease request
  - The County is interested in keeping USDA and LWRD together
  - Budget discussions will be on the next agenda with a lot of uncertainty for the LWRD
    - State Funding is unknown (covers conservation dollars and cost shared salaries)
    - Co-location is uncertain
    - Areas of improvement
    - Vehicle needs
  - Next Committee meeting is to just focus on budgets

15. FSA REPORT

- Prevented Planting – Based on a report from our crop reporting software we have over 150 farms with prevent planted acres reported. The deadline to report Prevent plant was extended to the end of certification so we do not have any late filed requests. If the COC feels the prevent plant was widespread enough then farm inspections can be waived.
- ARCPLC Signup – Currently we have 96% of the farms enrolled in the 2017 ARCPLC program. The deadline to obtain all signatures for persons with interest in the crops on that farm is August 1. However, signatures that come in between 8/1 and 8/31 can be approved by the COC. Anything after 8/31 requires State committee approval.
- Conservation/CRP – COC needed to review the new proposed average soil rental rate for new CRP contracts. The current average rental rate is \$96/AC and the proposed rate is \$91.50 and would be rounded to \$92. COC was ok with the proposed rate.
- Outreach – There will be an FSA booth at the County Fair next week.
- COC Election – Wally Schumer was the only person nominated for the COC Election. Ballots will be sent out for the election in November. LAA 1 is holding the election this year which includes the townships of Armenia, Finley, Kingston, Necedah, Germantown, Lemonweir, Marion, Kildare, and Lyndon
- Shelly should be coming back to work the end of August from maternity leave

16. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

- None

17. Next meeting was set for **September 14, 2017 at 8:30 am** in the **U.W. Extension Meeting Room.**

18. Meeting adjourned – Motion by Scott Wilhorn, seconded by Jim Raese to adjourn the meeting at 09:50 a.m. Motion carried.