

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
December 14, 2017 - 8:00 am
U.W. Extension Meeting Room, Hickory Building, Mauston, Wisconsin**

PRESENT: Joe Lally, Chair, Rodney Seamans, Gary Frei, Scott Wilhorn, FSA Rep. Jim Raese, NRCS Rep., LWRD Reps. Matt Komiskey, & Kerrie Wheeler, Windshed Partnership Rep. Shannon Rohde

1. Meeting called to order by chair, Joe Lally, at 8:00 am.
2. MINUTES
Motion by Rodney Seamans, seconded by Jim Raese to approve the minutes of November 9, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.
3. VOUCHERS
The following vouchers were submitted to the committee for review and approval:
 - Kerrie Wheeler – (2 - Contracted Services & Food for TAC Meeting)
 - Pizza Hut – (Lunch for TAC Meeting)
 - Highway Department – (2 – Fuel and Repairs)
 - Intercounty Voucher – (Labels & Soil Probe)
 - Randy Hastings – (Cost Share for roofed barnyard)
 - Don Carter – (Cost Share for lined waterway)
 - Larry Riser – (Cost Share for Wetland restoration)
 - Silver Star LLC – (Cost Share for Well Decommissioning)Motion by Scott Wilhorn, seconded by Gary Frei to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.
4. WILDLIFE DAMAGE ABATEMENT
 - o No Report
5. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
 - o Janice Kelley will be teleworking from Mauston for 3 months on a temporary assignment.
 - o Civil Rights annual update is due. MOU says LCC should be represented equally. Jon reviewed the MOU, FOIA, Civil Rights policies and program outreach.

- CSP – Approximately \$400,000 in payments for 90 landowners are currently being issued and 4 5-year contracts are being renewed.
 - EQIP – the 1st deadline is 12/15/17 for ranking of special projects.
6. FSA REPORT
- There was a farm loan meeting and 11 farmers attended.
 - Cindy Breene will be coming back part time in January
 - Wally Schumer was re-elected to the FSA Committee
 - There is a report on crop acreage reported to FSA for the year
 - Yields are down in some areas due to flooding but up in other areas.
7. OFFICE MOVE DISCUSSION
- Matt and Jon met with USDA, IT, Building and Space Committees to look at the old courthouse area. It will be the temporary space for the office for now.
 - Contribution agreement between LWRD and NRCS is moving forward which could possibly pay for the lease on any new space.
- 8/11. LWRM PLAN UPDATE/CAC & TAC MEETING UPDATES
- Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting was not well attended but feedback was good. Education and outreach was encouraged.
 - Technical Advisory Committee Meeting was very well attended with a variety of agencies, departments, municipalities and private consultants. The meeting provided input for LWRM plan update and there was a lot of opportunity for collaboration between agencies and departments
 - Rough draft of the LWRM plan should be done before the Department moves. Discussion on phosphorus and MDV funding versus phosphorus trading.
9. DRAINAGE DISTRICT APPOINTMENT
- Re-election for Norman Parkers position is due at the end of December. He was the only one with a formal request to get his name recommended by the LCC. Motion by Rodney Seamans, seconded by Scott Wilhorn to recommend Norman Parker be re-appointed to the Drainage District Board for another 3-year term by Judge Paul Curran. Motion carried.
10. COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST MEETING UPDATE
- Matt presented an edge-of-field monitoring idea at the meeting. It would be in conjunction with Discovery Farms.
 - MDV Funds – There are potential funds for 2019
 - Cover crops – these can be cost shared with a large scale TRM grant
12. UPDATING COUNTY MANURE STORAGE ORDINANCE
- A rough draft is being created. The sub-committee is being organized with a goal to start public opinion in the spring of 2018. A suggestion by the committee was to have a local township road crew member on the sub-committee.

13. **REQUEST FOR AUCTION DONATIONS**
- Kerrie mentioned the time had come to start requesting donations for the March Conference silent auction. This year Juneau County is in charge of an additional donation. There were suggestions by the LCC of how to get some additional businesses involved. Kerrie and Matt will contact a variety of businesses.
14. **NEW/OTHER BUSINESS**
- Shannon Rhode from the Windshed Partnership gave an update on how this year went. They put in 14.6 miles (15 miles is the breakeven point). About 65% of the workload is now living snow fences for Highway Departments. All plantings have a 3 year maintenance agreement with a 90% survival guarantee.
 - This is the first year they have used AmeriCorps workers and he hopes to continue to get a grant to use them in future years.
 - Questions on other ways to get his practices installed in Juneau County
 - There is a new system that uses Hydrogen Peroxide to treat water that is high in iron.
 - Matt met with Lake Redstone to develop a 9 key element plan and set up producer meetings.
 - There was a meeting with U.W. Extension to discuss how they can become more involved with conservation issues and outreach.
 - RC&D would like to meet with County Board but it was decided it would be better if they would present first at LCC. Any work they do for the County they charge for on top of what dues are already paid to them. They are hosting a meeting on 1/22/18 at the Necedah Wildlife Refuge and they would like the LWRD to send out a letter of support for them.
 - Matt met with Armenia Township to discuss contaminated drinking water.
 - There is a potential to organize a better groundwater monitoring program in the county.
 - Matt met with Juneau & Wood County Emergency Government Departments regarding Army Corps. Flood study. It needs to be mapped first so grants can be applied for.
15. Next meeting was set for January 11, **2018** at **8:00 am** in the **U.W. Extension Meeting Room**.
15. Meeting adjourned – Motion by Jim Raese, seconded by Scott Wilhorn to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Motion carried.