

JUNEAU COUNTY LAND & WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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TO: LAND & WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE DISTRICT SUPERVISORS
AND COOPERATING AGENCY PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: JUNEAU COUNTY LAND & WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DISTRICT SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
August 10, 2017 - 8:30 am
U.W. Extension Meeting Room, Hickory Building MAUSTON, WISCONSIN

A G E N D A

1. Call meeting to order Joe Lally
2. Minutes of last meeting Committee
3. Approve vouchers Committee
4. Wildlife Damage Abatement Phil Peterson
5. Natural Resources Conservation Service Jon Field
6. Workload Update Matt Komiskey
7. Drainage District Update Matt Komiskey
8. Multi-Discharge Variance Information Matt Komiskey
9. Nutrient Management Update Matt Komiskey
10. NRCS Cooperative Agreement Matt Komiskey

11. Clean Sweep Update (Postponed to September)
12. LCC Summer Tour Matt Komiskey
13. High Water/USGS Study Update Matt Komiskey
14. 2018 Funding & Office Move Update Matt Komiskey
15. FSA Report Jim Raese
16. New/other business Committee
17. Set next meeting date Committee
18. Adjourn Joe Lally

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**Land & Water Resources Committee
July 13, 2017 - 8:30 am
Farm Service Agency Meeting Room, LaCrosse Street, Mauston, Wisconsin**

PRESENT: Joe Lally, Chair, Rodney Seamans, Gary Frei, Scott Wilhorn, FSA Rep. Jim Raese, NRCS Rep. Jon Field, LWRD Reps. Matt Komiskey and Kerrie Wheeler, AHPIS Rep. Phil Peterson, Parks Department Rep. Brian Loyd, FSA Rep. Jon Williams

1. Meeting called to order by chair, Joe Lally, at 8:30 am.

2. MINUTES
Motion by Scott Wilhorn, seconded by Rodney Seamans to approve the minutes of June 8, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

3. VOUCHERS
The following vouchers were submitted to the committee for review and approval:
 - The Country Today – (Newspaper Subscription)
 - Chis Zindorf – (Cost Share Payment - Waterway)
 - USDA APHIS – (Wildlife Damage Administration)
 - Andrew Scott – (Cost Share Payment – Well Decommission)
 - Kerrie Wheeler – (Contracted Services & Mileage)
 - The Highway Department – (Fuel)Motion by Jim Raese, seconded by Scott Wilhorn to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

4. WILDLIFE DAMAGE ABATEMENT
 - Phil Peterson is trapping bear that are causing damage in Juneau County. He's also been busy with high water issues and with issues at Volk Field.
 - The trend with wildlife damage has been for landowners to lease their land for hunting rather than apply for wildlife damage payments. This is lucrative for the landowner but is not always the best way to control the wildlife population.
 - There was a question on having a sandhill crane season, however the legislation has not decided to address that issue at this time.
 - The budget should be ready to be brought before the LCC sometime this fall.

5. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
 - Construction has been delayed by rain. Waterways should be put in pretty soon and the waivers for the seeding have been received.
 - Jon will be acting DC in Monroe and LaCrosse Counties until mid-September.

6. WORKLOAD UPDATE
 - Construction is slow due to weather
 - There will need to be a diversion repair because of weather.
 - Still have cost share funds to allocate
 - SEG fund are all under contract

7. DRAINAGE DISTRICT UPDATE
 - Assessments have been sent out
 - Buffer width has been increased from 20' to 80'.
 - Ditch maintenance will begin as soon as the high water recedes.

8. FARMLAND PRESERVATION UPDATE
 - Matt will set up a meeting with Sauk County to discuss how to document farmland preservation issues

9. NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE
 - Matt applied for funding to host a producer training class so farmers could produce their own NMP. He has received positive replies from a number of farmers regarding the training. He would like to limit the first training to 10 people.
 - Infiltration and compaction tests are being done on farms. This helps the farmer to get a visual of what is going on and the differences in farmed and non-farmed areas. This will also help in peer to peer discussions.
 - Some producers are willing to put in multi-species cover crop and the host a tour day on their farm.

10. NRCS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
 - The LWRD can get paid to do NRCS work at 50% rate by entering into this cooperative agreement. The application needs to be signed prior to an agreement being written.

Motion by Scott Wilhorn, seconded by Jim Raese to have Delegations of Authority signed so Matt Komiskey can sign all paperwork to enter into agreements with NRCS.

11. CLEAN SWEEP REMINDER
 - Kerrie gave a reminder of Clean Sweep coming up July 21st and 22nd and encouraged the Committee to come and volunteer at the event.

12. LCC SUMMER TOUR
 - Possibilities include touring a digester, a large manure pit or a roofed barnyard.
 - LWRD & NRCS have put together a producer luncheon on Tuesday, July 18th at Summit Restaurant which will include rainfall simulator, compaction and infiltration demonstrations. There will also be a number of speakers. This luncheon is funded by the Lake Redstone protection district.

13. HIGH WATER/USGS STUDY UPDATE
 - Mapping was done in the northern part of the County. Findings were that water wants to go in the opposite direction of where the ditching was being done to try and fix the flooding. There's also a confining layer in this specific area that keeps the water from infiltrating quicker. Culverts could be placed in strategic areas that were identified by this mapping.

14. 2018 FUNDING & OFFICE MOVE DISCUSSION
 - Matt gave an update to the finance committee earlier in the month.
 - USDA has removed LWRD from their lease
 - Brian Loyd discussed their space issues and options for no interest loans and building on the property at the parks location.
 - Jon Williams discussed emergency lease arrangements
 - Discussion on space needs, options and funding.
 - Committee decided to set up a meeting after the County Board meeting to discussion this as time is of the essence.

14. FSA REPORT
 - Crop reporting deadline is July 15, 2017.
 - Jon Williams said that Bethany has been doing a great job.
 - There was a tour near Camp Douglas/New Lisbon and the corn and soybeans looked very bad due to weather.
 - 44,000 acres in WI have applied for prevent plant this year compared to 4,500 last year. In Juneau County 60 farmers have applied.

15. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS
 - None

16. Next meeting was set for **August 10, 2017 at 8:30 am** in the **U.W. Extension Meeting Room.**

17. Meeting adjourned – Motion by Jim Raese, seconded by Scott Wilhorn to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.