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**Land & Water Resources Committee  
July 12, 2018 - 8:00 am  
650 Prairie Street, Forestry & Parks Building, Mauston, Wisconsin**

PRESENT: Joe Lally, Chair, Rodney Seamans, Chris Zindorf, FSA Rep. Jim Raese, NRCS Reps. John Field and Mark Kulig, LWRD Reps. Matt Komiskey, & Kerrie Wheeler.

1. Meeting called to order by chair, Joe Lally, at 7:55 am.
2. MINUTES  
Motion by Rodney Seamans, seconded by Jim Raese to approve the minutes of June 14, 2018 meeting.  
Motion carried.
3. VOUCHERS  
The following vouchers were submitted to the committee for review and approval:
  - InterCounty Voucher– (Highway Dept. - Fuel)
  - Dahl Automotive – (Truck)
  - WEAL – (Well Water Testing Project)
  - WI Land+Water – (County Conservationist Meeting Registration)
  - Western Area Association – (Association Dues)
  - Kerrie Wheeler – (Contracted Services & Mileage)
  - USDA APHIS – (Administrative Costs)Motion by Rodney Seamans, seconded by Chris Zindorf to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.
4. WILDLIFE DAMAGE ABATEMENT

- No Report
5. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
- Jon introduced his boss, Mark Kulig.
  - Jon attended a meeting for the new building and July 19<sup>th</sup> is the date the permits from the State should be approved and received.
  - There were 21 cover crop signups with one inter-seeding project being undertaken currently.
  - CSP deadline for ranking is Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - August 1<sup>st</sup> is the annual EQIP Local Workgroup Meeting in Sparta.
  - A grazing contract construction starts in August.

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6. FSA REPORT
- Deadline for ARC/PLC is 8/1/18.
  - Deadline for crop reporting is 7/16/18.
  - There will be elections for Area 2.
  - Continuous CRP signup has been announced. This along with CREP are the only types of CRP available at this time. One year extensions for contracts expiring this year are also available.
7. WATER QUALITY MEETING
- Tuesday, July 17, 2018 there will be a meeting to educate the public at the Necedah Town Hall from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  - Speakers include personnel from LWRD, U.W. Extension, DNR and Department of Health.
  - Confidentiality of private landowner information is important.
  - Matt showed map of results without landowner information.
  - Pesticide testing is being done on the higher nitrate tested homes. Results will take up to 10 weeks.
8. COST SHARE FUNDS TRANSFER
- It's been getting more difficult to get landowners in to sign cost share agreements and to line up contractors to do the work. A transfer of funds to another county is a possibility this year but how much will be transferred is unknown at this time.
  - Staff time is being focused on a large streambank habitat project that will utilize funding from a variety of sources.
9. NEW EMPLOYEE
- A resolution for a new employee was passed at the last County Board Meeting. Applications are due August 2, 2018 with interviews being conducted on August 9, 2018.
10. VEHICLE UPDATE
- An F150 was purchased and a cargo box and safety lights will be installed shortly. The process took nine bids over the course of seven months.
11. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
- One repair of a project is complete.
  - Wetland permits for a couple of locations are being discussed with the DNR.
  - One TRM grant project needs to go in this year and two other ones are in their first of the two year cycle.

12. DISCOVERY FARMS PROJECT UPDATE

- Matt applied for and received a grant to do edge-of-field monitoring at two locations in the Lake Redstone Watershed after giving a presentation to highlight his project. It's a surface water monitoring project that will continue for five to seven years. The producers came up with goals for the project and the LWRD needs to provide staff for field work and outreach.

Discussion of ordinances and manure issues.

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13. EMPLOYEE FAREWELL

- Matt had a few pictures and gave a nice overview of some projects over the past 25 years.

14. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

- Elroy Fair Display was of the "underwear challenge" which is a soil health educational display. This will also be on display at the Juneau County Fair.
- CREP easements are having some encroachment issues. They need to be re-monumented.
- August 28, 2018 the Western Area Association will have a training for new LCC supervisors which is also open for long time LCC members as a refresher course. The place and agenda will be announced later.
- Chris gave an update on the Baraboo River corridor project. Once completed it will be the longest free flowing river in the nation.

15. Next meeting was set for **August 9, 2018** with **TIME AND PLACE TBD**

16. Meeting adjourned.– Motion by Jim Raese, seconded by Chris Zindorf to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 a.m. Motion carried.