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**Land & Water Resources Committee
September 13, 2018 - 9:30 am
Juneau County Parks, Mauston, Wisconsin**

PRESENT: Joe Lally, Chair, Rodney Seamans, Scott Wilhorn, Chris Zindorf, NRCS Reps. Jon Field, FSA Rep John Williams, David Laskar, & Matt Komiskey.

1. Meeting called to order by chair, Joe Lally, at 9:35 am.
2. MINUTES
Motion by Rodney Seamans, seconded by Scott Wilhorn to approve the minutes of August 9, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.
3. VOUCHERS
The following vouchers were submitted to the committee for review and approval:
InterCounty Voucher– (Highway Dept. - Fuel)
Concept printing – (fair poster)
Motion by Chris Zindorf, seconded by Scott Willhorn to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.
4. WILDLIFE DAMAGE ABATEMENT
 - o No Report
5. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
 - o Given the recent rain events, NRCS staff have been reviewing the last 5 years of practices installed
 - o Working with FSA on flood damage reports and estimates
 - o Dealing with increased calls regarding damaged field
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6. FSA REPORT
 - o Working on potential emergency funds to deal with the flooding events, potential programs include:
 - o Livestock loss programs (has to exceed normal mortality)
 - o Livestock assistance (for lost feed)
 - o Emergency Conservation Funds (difficult program but being evaluated)
 - Rehabilitation of fields
 - Fixing Fences (needs to meet NRCS designs)
 - o Discussed concerns over lost crops and impacts of tariffs.

7. GROUNDWATER QUALITY MEETING UPDATE
 - David Laskar reported current situation with communications with EPA and DNR and everyone's goal is to find a solution that finds "safe" water for the County residents
 - Matt reviewed some potential costs and directions he pursued to help with the situation
8. COST SHARE FUNDS TRANSFER
 - Matt reviewed difficulties that we had this year and discussed need to transfer funds to Jackson County to avoid potential of not getting money spent
 - Motion by Scott Wilhorn second by Chris Zindorf to have Joe sign the cost-share transfer agreement, motion carried.
 - Agreement was signed by Joe
9. NEW EMPLOYEE
 - Dustin Ladd started on 09/10/18 and has been in the field most of the week, with installations and storm damage assessment.
 - His role is to help with project designs and installations as well as special projects that come in the door
10. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
 - Waiting for construction to start on a waterway in southern Juneau County
 - Technicians are currently evaluating damage reports and starting a list of conservation projects to work on this winter
 - Making sure to encourage people to sign up for EQIP to help stretch the county dollars we have
12. DISCOVERY FARMS PROJECT UPDATE
 - Installed two edge-of-field sites this week.
 - Sites will be operational for ~5-7 years
13. Producer Led Watershed Grant
 - Matt submitted application for producer-led watershed and will find out in November
14. LWRM Plan
 - We are presenting to the Land and Water Committee on Oct. 2
 - Joe and Chris will be traveling with Matt to the meeting to defend the LWRM plan
15. 2019 Budget Review
 - Matt reviewed the proposed budget for 2019 and potential changes
 - Discussed difficulties with the new office locations and unknowns within the budget
 - Motion by Rodney Seamons second by Scott Wilhorn to approve the proposed budget as described, motion carried.
16. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS
 - Matt discussed issues with the flooded offices
 - Discussed options to improve approaches to document next flooding event
17. Next meeting was set for **October 11, 2018 at 08:00 at the Juneau County Parks**
16. Meeting adjourned.– Motion by Scott Wilhorn, seconded by Rodney Seamans to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion carried.