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Dustin Ladd, .

**Land & Water Resources Committee  
October 11, 2018 - 8 am  
Juneau County Parks, Mauston, Wisconsin**

PRESENT: Joe Lally, Chair, Rodney Seamans, Scott Wilhorn, Chris Zindorf, NRCS Reps. Jon Field, FSA Rep Jim Raese, Aphis Rep Phil Peterson, Matt Komiskey, Dustin Ladd & Brian Geopfert

1. Meeting called to order by chair, Joe Lally, at 7:55 am.
2. MINUTES  
Motion by Rodney Seamans, seconded by Scott Wilhorn to approve the minutes of September 13, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.
3. VOUCHERS  
The following vouchers were submitted to the committee for review and approval:  
InterCounty Voucher– (Highway Dept. - Fuel)  
APHIS administration charges – (APHIS)  
Motion by Jim Raese, seconded by Chris Zindorf to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.
4. WILDLIFE DAMAGE ABATEMENT
  - Discussion with Phil on 5 yr agreement with APHIS for the wildlife damage abatement program. Agreement was motioned by Randy Seamans, Jim Raese seconded, motion carried, Joe Lally signed agreement.
  - Corn and soybean price for the crop damage payments set to match County report through FSA, Chris Zindorf motioned, seconded by Rodney Seamans, motion carried.
  - Set the 90% harvest date to December 1. This identifies when the last claims can be made on crop damage. Motion made by Rodney Seamans, second by Jim Raese, motion carried.
  - Deer donation program discussed, motion to approve program for 2019 by Scott Wilhorn, seconded by Jim Raese, motion carried.
5. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
  - Jon Field update on EQIP program sign ups and deadlines for 2019 funding.
  - Statewide emergency storm damage sign up Nov, 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Meetings this week with DNR and Trout Unlimited on One Mile Creek site and other storm damaged sites in Juneau County.
  - 2 Wetland Reserve Program Easements approved, site work will begin in 2019.
  - NRCS technician will be hired soon.

6. FSA REPORT
  - New Building set on foundation; move in scheduled for week of Thanksgiving.
  - ECP funding discussion money will be available for (debris removal, grading, shaping, fence work, and conservation structures previously installed) Min one thousand in damage, 250 for limited resource farmers. Sign up deadline will be Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - FSA meetings coming in a few weeks
  - Fall crop reporting due by Nov 15th
7. GROUNDWATER QUALITY UPDATE
  - Memorandum of understanding has been sent to the growers coalition. Discussion on budget to continue project. A third party vendor will be taking the next batch of samples. Evaluating for joint letters to be mailed out by health department and growers coalition to improve participation.
8. Discovery Farms Update
  - Site on HWY F will be set up today with communications equipment, berm still needs to be set. Discovery farms is working on this and should be installed once equipment can access the site.
  - Power to sites will be hooked up this week
9. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
  - Survey and design taking place now for flooding projects across the county. Equipment purchased has been beneficial for county technicians to get surveys done.
  - Site surveys to continue, expecting more producers to come in with projects after crop harvest
10. LWRM Plan
  - Plan was presented on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. Matt Komiskey, Dustin Ladd, Joe Lally and Chris Zindorf were in attendance.
  - Plan was approved and will direct the departments goals for the next 10 years
11. Personnel Changes
  - Matt Komiskey is officially resigning as County Conservationist, Last day will be October 26<sup>th</sup>
12. Initiatives Review and Planning
  - Matt discussed updating job description for county conservationist position
  - Discussion on county programs currently happening (Nutrient Management, Monitoring, Water Quality, Urban Conservation, Education, CREP, Watershed approaches, Manure Ordinances, Phosphorus Trading, High Water/Flooding, Clean Sweep, and Drainage Districts)
  - Discussion on need for a tracking system for conservation projects.
  - Discussion about need for better communication with NRCS
13. New/Other Business
  - Discussion on ATC funding for conservation projects
  - Discussion on updating the departments website and improving the way LCC minutes and agendas are posted.
14. Next meeting was set for **November 8th, 2018 at 08:00 at the Juneau County Parks**
15. Meeting adjourned.– Motion by Scott Wilhorn, seconded by Rodney Seamans to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Motion carried.