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**Land & Water Resources Committee  
December 13, 2018 - 8 am  
USDA Building, Mauston, Wisconsin**

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

1. Meeting called to order by chair, Joe Lally, at 7:58am.
2. MINUTES  
Motion by Chris Zindorf, seconded by Rodney Seamans to approve the minutes of November 8th, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.
3. VOUCHERS  
The following vouchers were submitted to the committee for review and approval:  
Drainage Board meeting fee  
Discovery Farms Conference  
Western Area Association Dues  
Motion by Jim Raese, seconded by Scott Wilhorn to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.
4. WILDLIFE DAMAGE ABATEMENT
  - o No Update
5. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
  - o EQIP Sign up needs to be ready by December 14<sup>th</sup> for the emergency funds
  - o NRCS has started taking CSP applications, program hasn't ended
  - o Phones are down in the office, problem with DC and Frontier
  - o Farm Bill is ready to be signed by the President: Discussion on the new farm bill
6. FSA REPORT
  - o Nate Bell re-elected to a 3 year term
  - o ACP to end December 31st
7. County Conservationist Meeting
  - o Several counties working on Nitrate studies including a 3 county group in the driftless area (Iowa, Grant, Lafayette). Pepin County working on studying Traizine in wells with high nitrates. Rock County has been working on replacing wells.
  - o Flooding events also discussed at meeting. Vernon county presented on PL566 dams and issues with FEMA
  - o WI land and water presented on admin transformation taking place in Madison, counties trying to get more money for staffing.

8. Discovery Farms Update
  - Both sites are up and running, waiting now for a sample to be collected.
  - Discovery Farms Conference: presentations by farmers on green farming will help us with the Producer led watershed project
9. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
  - Leverage tile line installed, underground outlet with 8 inch tile
  - Technician also assisting NRCS with EQIP emergency funds designs
10. Producer Led Watershed
  - Working with Brian Daug, he plans on purchasing a manure spreader to rent to the group as renting one won't work.
11. Personnel Changes
  - Job announcement closed on Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Discussion on dates for interviews and if the announcement should be extended past the holidays
  - With Matt gone new paperwork needs to be signed for the DNR to accept the County Conservationist as signing authority for grants. Joe Lally signed form
12. MDV Funds
  - MDV paperwork needs to be signed and submitted to the DNR in order to be eligible for funding. Joe Lally signed paperwork
  - Will receive money in two HUC 8 watersheds (Castle Rock. Baraboo)
13. New/Other Business
  - We have a Facebook page
  - Committee would like to see a speaker at upcoming committee meeting
  - Discussion on county website limitations
  - Discussion on Water quality and adopting NR 151 with the county
  - Meeting to be scheduled with Wood and Adams county to discuss working together on water quality
  - Discussion on annual conference and getting donations for the silent auction. Dustin will contact Kerrie to see how this was done in the past
14. Next meeting was set for **January 10th 2018 at 08:30 Location USDA Building**
15. Meeting adjourned.– Motion by Scott Wilhorn, seconded by Chris Zindorf to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 a.m. Motion carried.