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Staff  
Dustin Ladd, County Conservationist  
Brian Goepfert, Technician

**Land & Water Resources Committee  
January 10, 2019 – 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 Goepfert, Diane Falk, Phil Peterson, Eric Cooley. Alana Voss

1. Meeting called to order by chair, Joe Lally, at 8:00 am.
2. MINUTES  
Motion by Chris Zindorf, seconded by Rodney Seamens to approve the minutes of December 13, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.
3. WILDLIFE DAMAGE ABATEMENT – Phil Peterson presented
  - \*Larry Wargowski – small soybean farm 16 acres, \$1745.60
  - \*Recommend payment motion by Jim Raese, seconded by Chris Zindorf. Motion approved.Phil then left meeting.
4. DISCOVERY FARMS – Eric Cooley presented
  - \*What we do – Water quality research and educational program
    - Sub-contract with USGS – use their service for data accuracy
    - Measure quantity and quality of water leaving ag watershed (streams, edge of fields and subsurface tiles)
  - \*Additional research and more to learn – looking at 24 new tile systems
    - Monitoring in winter is extremely difficult but do monitor year round
  - \*15 years farmer-led research – 16 member steering committee – 20 farms – 200 sites monitored
  - \*Minnesota Discovery Farms dataset (work with them)– expanded comparison
  - \*Written materials – Presentations, Events, Annual Conference – Dec 12
    - Agwaterexchange.com or uwdiscoveryfarm.org
  - \*2 sites: RS1 watershed 2.13 ac site 1; RS2 watershed 1.9 ac site 2
5. VOUCHERS  
Motion by Lally, seconded by Zindorf. Motion Carried
6. NRCS - Jon Field
  - \*Staff changes, Diane Falk replaced Lindsay Hagen who went to the state office
  - \*No tech yet employed to learn from Luther Teller before he retires in Jan 2020

\*Farm Bill – Trump signed

\*Open House was Monday, Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (Jim Murphy from radio here and so did a show on our services the next day with Jon Field and Dustin Ladd)

7. FSA REPORT – Jim Raese, no report – due to shutdown

8. PRODUCER LED WATERSHED – Dustin Ladd

\*Meeting in LaValle yesterday

\*Next meeting end of month @ Summit

\*\$40,000 grant - will offer for cover crops and other fields to spread manure, will get list of producers and landowners and send out info to promote

9. OUTDOORS FOREVER PROJECT - Dustin Ladd

\*Duffy road site – 20,000 in month of June – ½ mile stream to take banks back

\*Outdoors Forever will be putting in parking lot and sign – better access to creek

10. PERSONNEL CHANGES

Sarah Fleck will start Jan 28<sup>th</sup> – Conservation Tech

11. CLEAN SWEEP IN JULY - Dustin Ladd

\*Grant of \$8,000 but usually ends up costing more like \$10,000

\*More restrictions this time than last time

\*Discussion on whether to accept Latex paint or not

\*Motion to approve Dustin Ladd to sign by Scott Wilhorn, seconded by Joe Lally.

12. Next meeting set **February 14, 2019 at 9:30 am** Location: Old Courthouse - County Board room

13. Meeting adjourned – Motion by Chris Zindorf, seconded by Scott Wilhorn to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 a.m. Motion carried.