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Land & Water Resources Committee
May 14th, 2020 – 8:00 am
Fairgrounds-JC AIRS Building, Mauston WI

PRESENT: Rodney Seamans, Chair, Joe Lally, Scott Wilhorn, Chris Zindorf, FSA Rep. Jim Raese, NRCS Rep. Jon Field

1. Meeting called to order by chair, Rodney Seamans, at 7:59 am
2. MINUTES
Motion by Wilhorn seconded by Lally to approve the minutes of March 12th, 2020 meeting. Motion carried
3. NRCS- Jon Field
 - Update was given on project funding. Funding for the Baraboo River Projects include cover crops and grade stabilization. Local funding for a roofed barnyard and manure storage closure
 - CSP – 7 people renewed contracts and there are 30 new signup applications
4. FSA – Jim Raese
 - Due to COVID-19, FSA is currently unable to have the door unlocked nor see producers for any face-to-face interactions/appointments. Paperwork and forms will be done via mail, email, fax or a drop box at the door. Someone will be in the office during office hours (at least one person) to answer the phone and try to answer any questions.
 - If landowner/producers are still wanting to complete PLC base yield updates for 2020, they need to get the yields for 2013-2017 to the FSA office for each farm they wish to update no later than July 15th
 - The WHIP+ program is still applicable and being worked on by the county office.
 - Relief monies due to the COVID-19 outbreak are on the horizon. The county office staff should be receiving training by the end of next week and any signup procedures are slated to start the end of the month (after Memorial Day holiday).
 - A permanent CED management position has been announced, and the vacancy announcement closes Tuesday, May 27th. It will be a shared position between Monroe, La Crosse and Juneau counties.

5. COVID 19/CANCELLATION UPDATES – Dustin Ladd
 - The doors to the building are locked and it is the decision of the USDA not the county on when the building will be reopened
 - A farmer has left the Lake Redstone Producer Led group after losing the ground he farmed in the watershed. The Producer Led Annual Field Day and watershed projects planned for this summer have been cancelled
 - Work continues in the office and field as much as possible with some teleworking
6. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS-Brian Goepfert
 - Two construction projects have been completed this spring, a grassed waterway and a waste storage closure. Discussion of project outcomes
 - Bond funds have almost been spent for the 2020 year and there are 6-7 more projects available this year
 - Update given on the Manure Storage Ordinance
7. WATER TESTING UPDATE- Sarah Fleck
 - Free nitrate well water testing was available from March – October or until funding ran out and approximately 3,000 well water testing informational flyers were sent out with Septic notifications
 - The water testing lab is currently closed so no well samples can be tested. Once the lab reopens a notification will be published by the Health and Land & Water Departments
8. LAKE REDSTONE 9-KEY ELEMENT PLAN-Dustin Ladd
 - Virtual Meeting held between Juneau County, David Bloomer, Sauk County, and the DNR to discuss 9-key element plan and what information the Counties can provide to assist in completing the plan
 - Lake Decorah has received a Lake Planning Grant to start 9-Key Element planning
9. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS-Committee
 - CREP grazing easement has a violation, participant has been notified by DATCP
 - Dustin Ladd checked on a manure violation, has been receiving complaints daily about manure hauling
 - Discussion of overtopping and unused manure pits in Juneau County
 - Discussion of Juneau County Contributions to Golden Sands RC&D
10. SET NEXT MEETING DATE-Committee
 - Next meeting set **June 11th, 2020 at 8:00 am** Location: **TBD**
11. ADJOURN-Committee
 - Meeting adjourned – Motion by Zindorf, seconded by Wilhorn to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m. Motion carried.