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**Land & Water Resources Committee
June 11th, 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 8:00 am
2. MINUTES
Motion by Lally seconded by Raese to approve the minutes of May 14th, 2020 meeting. Motion carried
3. NRCS- Jon Field
 - Update given on WRP – wetland restoration completed, construction on a manure pit will be started by the end of June, a dam repair is going to begin by mid-august, CSP pollinator habitat is complete with 30 new signups
 - NRCS in discussion with Golden Sands RC&D about a contracted employee working in Juneau County
 - Discussion of Juneau County budget for 2021 if county receives Golden Sands RC&D employee
4. FSA – Jim Raese
 - Due to the COVID-19, FSA is currently unable to have their door unlocked nor see producers for any face-to-face interactions/appointments
 - Producers are encouraged to sign up for emails through our GovDelivery, text messaging system and/or through eAuth Level 2 access through Farmers.gov/FSA Farm+. The office is currently in Phase 1 of 3 for reopening processes. Each phase is a 14 day process and the next phase must be requested. So this will be an ongoing process until phase 3 is **complete**, at which point the office should be fully reopened
 - 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 so that the staff have adequate time to enter the information and then send back out for the landowner's signature, as applicable. Only a landowner on a farm can sign for a yield update

- The WHIP+ program is still applicable and being worked on by the county office. Producers that suffered eligible crop, tree, bush, vine, or prevented planting losses resulting from floods should contact the Juneau county FSA office to potentially file an application for the program
- Sign-up for Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) ends August 28, 2020. Persons that have eligible crops, livestock, milk pounds or specialty crops must apply by the deadline. The program is a self-certification process, however, producers will potentially be pulled for spot check, so they should keep records of how they certified to those numbers.
- A permanent CED was selected for the shared management position on Friday, June 5. The person that accepted the offer is Adam Steffen. There is not a projected “start” date at this time, but it is hopeful that as soon as feasibly possible, he will be meeting with each County Committee to get expectations established

5. VOUCHERS – Dustin Ladd

- Update on vouchers and project payments
- Discussion of meeting with Sauk County concerning stream gauging project for 2021

6. TRM GRANT-Dustin Ladd

- Transfer of TRM grant to new recipient who will be completing construction on a barnyard by the end of 2020
- Additional funds requested for a another TRM grant, construction on the project will begin by the end of June

7. COVID 19 UPDATE- Dustin Ladd

- Discussion of Juneau County guidance about Covid-19
- The Juneau County Land & Water department will follow the USDA’s decision on opening the office to the public

8. MANURE STORAGE ORDINANCE-Brian Goepfert

- Update on DATCPs review of the manure storage ordinance and their concern over the Standards and Prohibitions for farmers section. Brian Goepfert spoke with David Lasker and he had no concerns about including the Standards and Prohibitions section in the ordinance
- The manure storage ordinance will move forward as is

9. LAKE REDSTONE MEETING-Sarah Fleck/Dustin Ladd

- Update on Lake Redstone meeting held 6/10, producers have until 6/30 to sign up for 2020 cover crop payments through the Producer Led Watershed grant
- The Producers of the Lake Redstone watershed have expanded to include the entire HUC 10 watershed in their group in order to open more acres for participation

10. NRCS GRP-Dustin Ladd

- Discussion of GRP

11. CLEAN WATER RESOLUTION-Chris Zindorf

- Discussion on a resolution in support of the 13 Clean Water Bills passed by the Assembly that did not go before the Senate due to Covid-19

*Motion by Wilhorn, seconded by Lally for the resolution to go before the County Board. Motion passed.

12. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS-Committee

- Discussion of Juneau County school forest sale

13. SET NEXT MEETING DATE-Committee

- Next meeting set **July 9th, 2020 at 8:00 am** Location: **County Board Room**

14. ADJOURN-Committee

- Meeting adjourned – Motion by Seamans, seconded by Lally to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m. Motion carried.