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Staff  
Dustin Ladd, County Conservationist  
Brian Goepfert, Technician  
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**Land & Water Resources Committee  
October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 8:00 am  
Courthouse Room 1, Mauston WI**

PRESENT: Rodney Seamans, Chair, Joe Lally, Scott Wilhorn (by Zoom), Chris Zindorf, Jon Field, Phil Peterson, Terry Taft

1. Meeting called to order by chair, Rodney Seamans, at 8:03 am

2. MINUTES

Motion by Zindorf seconded by Lally to approve the minutes of September 8th, 2020 meeting. Motion carried

3. NRCS- Jon Field

- Discussion on construction for Meadowlark Prairie embankment and repairs of grassed waterways at Cattail Dairy Farms
- Update on other projects lined up including rock lined waterways, and fence and trenching for water pipeline for a grazing project
- The Soil Conservationist position through Golden Sands RC&D will be holding interviews Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> with the hired candidate starting November

4. FSA – Jon Field

- Update on the second round of Covid 19 payments
- Due to Covid restrictions FSA may be procuring a tent and heater to set up outside the office for face-to-face meeting with producers

5. VOUCHERS – Dustin Ladd

- Update and review of vouchers paid

6. APHIS -Phil Peterson

- Phil Peterson presented Wildlife Damage Abatement operating budget for 2020

\*Motion By Lally, seconded by Zindorf to approve the Wildlife Damage operation budget. Motion Carried.

\*Motion by Zindorf, seconded by Lally to approve commodity pricing of \$955 for beans and \$375 for corn. Motion carried.

\*Motion by Rodney, seconded by Lally to set the 90% harvest date to December 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried.

7. GOLDEN SANDS RC&D UPDATE - Dustin Ladd

- Update given on the September meeting
- The Legislation that was pending on groundwater issues died and will have to be reintroduced
- An alternative representative can be elected to attend Golden Sands RC&D meetings if Scott Wilhorn is not available

\*Motion by Zindorf, seconded by Lally to make Dustin Ladd the alternative representative for Golden Sands RC&D. Motion carried.

8. MANURE COMPLAINT FOLLOW-UP -Dustin Ladd

- Update on Kurt Kelley manure complaint. Kelley was sent a certified letter at the beginning of September and given until September 30<sup>th</sup> to empty his overtopping manure storage but did not comply.
- Dustin Ladd meet with Mr. Kelley Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the situation and then brought the complaint before the Land & Water committee for a decision on a compliance citation.

\*Motion by Zindorf, seconded by Lally to move forward with a compliance citation for Kurt Kelley of \$150 for his first offense for an overtopping manure storage, after 2 weeks if the manure storage structure is not emptied below the maximum operating level Mr. Kelley will be issued a daily fine of \$150 for subsequent days of overtopping. Motion carried.

9. SAUK COUNTY RESOLUTION -Dustin Ladd

- Discussion of stream gauging MOU with Sauk County

\*Motion by Lally, seconded by Zindorf to have the MOU brought before the County Board at the November meeting. Motion carried.

10. CSGCC UPDATE-Dustin Ladd

- Discussion of letter of support for joint solicitation grant funding from county
- Discussion of county involvement and county contributions with time or money
- Next CSGCC meeting for grant planning is Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>

\*Motion by Lally, seconded by Seamans to have CSGCC representative Chris Zindorf sign letter of support for grant funding. Motion Carried.

11. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE-Brian Goepfert

- Meadowlark Prairie embankment work has been completed along with 2 lined waterways at Jim Raese's
- The Whispering Winds main manure storage structure has been completed but the ramp and heavy use area protection still need to be finished
- Update on Elroy streambank work and funds available
- Discussion of 2021 bond funds and projects that the funds will be used for

12. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS-Committee

- CWD sampling kiosk is available at the Mauston Fairgrounds, a deer waste disposal dumpster is also set to be delivered to the fairgrounds this week
- With the assistance of Outdoors Forever and the Forestry & Parks Department a 1/3 acre prairie has been planted at Bass Hollow park next to the orchard
- Terry Taft with the Little Yellow River Drainage District gave an update- their next meeting is Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> a 5:30pm. They hired Bollig Excavating to clear beaver dams, downed trees, and brush out of the ditches. 25 beavers have been trapped and removed from the drainage

district. They have also been in contact with a water permit specialist as they plan on placing riprap along ditch on 23<sup>rd</sup> street.

\*Motion by Lally, seconded by Zindorf for Dustin Ladd to sign Elmer Beechy's completed grazing plan. Motion carried.

13. SET NEXT MEETING DATE-Committee

- Next meeting set **November 12th, 2020 at Time 8:00am** Location: **Courthouse**

14. ADJOURN-Committee

- Meeting adjourned – Motion by Seamans to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 a.m. Motion carried.