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**Land & Water Resources Committee
March 11th, 2021 – 8:15 am
Courthouse, Mauston WI**

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

1. Meeting called to order by chair, Rodney Seamans, at 8:14 am
2. MINUTES
Motion by Wilhorn seconded Lally by to approve the minutes of February 11th, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.
3. NRCS – Jon Field
 - NRCS is working on finishing up construction, most EQIP projects have already been funded and more will still get funded
 - Discussion of CRP, the new administration is currently making changes to the program
 - USDA offices are only allowed to have 25% of employees in the office at one time
4. FSA – Jim Raese
 - CRP general signup deadline has been extended; new deadline is unknown. CRP Grasslands signup has been delayed.
 - Agricultural Risk Coverage/Price Loss Coverage program deadline is March 15th. Producers that grow commodity and forage crops and participate in the program should call the county office to inform them of what program option they would like to participate in
 - Producers interested in a 2020 Marketing Assistance Loan on eligible commodity crops produced in crop year 2020 should submit a 633EZ form to the county office
 - Quality Loss Assistance program is paying on 2018 and 2019 disasters for qualifying commodities. The deadline has been extended to 4/9/21. Contact the county office to apply
 - Producers need to contact the FSA office with farm changes effective for 2021 to process updates
 - Due to COVID-19 the office doors remain locked. There is no further information related to Coronavirus relief or program assistance at this time
5. VOUCHERS – Dustin Ladd
 - Review of February vouchers paid

6. MANURE COMPLAINT – Dustin Ladd

- Discussion of landowner spreading manure within 50 ft of a drainage ditch on frozen ground.
- Discussion of Nutrient Management Plan, County ordinances and DNR involvement

*Motion by Wilhorn, seconded by Zindorf to pursue DNR compliance and if no results are seen in a timely manner then to pursue compliance through the Juneau County ordinance. Motion Carried.

7. CLEAN SWEEP – Dustin Ladd

- Update on Clean Sweep Event being held Saturday July 31st from 9am to 4pm at the Juneau County Highway Department

8. ANNUAL REPORT-Dustin Ladd

- Land & Water has submitted the final report for 2020 and numbers were on track for what was predicted
- Discussion of report being given to the County Board

9. WATER WEEK-Dustin Ladd

- Dustin Ladd gave an overview of the 2021 Water Week online conference that he attended

10. AGC – Dustin Ladd

- Update was given on the study the DNR is conducting in Armenia. 13 ground water wells have been installed and are collecting information
- Discussion of what is considered public information concerning AGC

11. LAND + WATER CONFERENCE – Sarah Fleck

- Overview given on the Annual Land & Water conference
- Contact representative to support funding for County Conservation Departments

12. OUTDOORS FOREVER – Dustin Ladd

- Pond removal project at the Outdoors Forever site on Duffy Rd has been completed. The pond wall blew out in 2017 and the DNR were concerned about the warm pond water running into 1-Mile Creek. Construction along with seeding and mulching was finished in 3 days

13. WILDERNESS PARK – Brian Goepfert

- Construction was started on the wilderness park project, there was concern about placing fill on frozen ground, project was halted until frost is out of the ground and road bans are lifted
- Halting the project may increase cost for the county use of ATC funds was discussed
- Construction should resume towards the end of March with the project completed at the end of April

14. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS-Committee

- Update on Drone use with conservation projects
- Discussion of National Guard Letter about PFAS in water near Volk Field

15. SET NEXT MEETING DATE-Committee

Next meeting set **April 8th, 2021** at **Time 8:15am** Location: **Courthouse/Zoom**

16. ADJOURN-Committee

Meeting adjourned – Motion by Zindorf seconded by Wilhorn to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 a.m. Motion carried.