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**Land & Water Resources Committee
October 14th, 2021 – 8:15 am
Courthouse, Mauston WI**

PRESENT: Rodney Seamans, Chair, Joe Lally, Chris Zindorf, Jim Raese (FSA), Jon Field (NRCS), Phil Peterson (APHIS), Colette Camerano (PACRS)

1. Meeting called to order by chair, Rodney Seamans, at 8:17 am
2. MINUTES
Motion by Zindorf seconded by Raese to approve the minutes of September 9th, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.
3. NRCS – Jon Field
 - EQIP signup is coming up and the deadline for new projects is mid-November
 - Construction update- grade stabilization project and grazing project have been completed. A silage leachate pit and a trout stream project are both currently in-progress
 - Currently working on 139 payments for CSP
 - Program update-administrative assistant Diane Falk resigned, discussion on how the vaccination mandate will impact the office
4. FSA – Jim Raese
 - The office doors are still locked to the public, an appointment needs to be made to enter the building
 - We have a COVID-19 relief program available to timber harvesters and haulers. Timber brokers are not eligible to apply. If there are any interested producers, they can call the FSA office to review program eligibility and what the application requirements entail
 - Fall crop reporting deadline is November 15th. We will accept crop reports for any fall seeded crops after that producer has planted, but no later than November 15th
 - FSA is starting to send out ARC, PLC, and CRP payments
5. VOUCHERS – Dustin Ladd
 - Discussion of September vouchers and the grade stabilization project being funded by MDV funds
 - The Elroy Fairground project is being funded by ATC funds and the Land & Water Dept. received \$150,000 of ARPA funds for a 9-Key element plan for the Lemonweir River Watershed

* Motion by Zindorf, seconded by Raese to approve the payment to Wohlrab for the grade stabilization project. Motion Carried.
6. APHIS – Phil Peterson
 - Discussion of corn and soybean prices for the farm compensation claims

*Motion by Zindorf seconded by Lally to set the corn price for the farm compensation claim at \$5.00. Motion Carried

*Motion by Lally seconded by Zindorf to set the soybean price for the farm compensation claim at \$11.00. Motion Carried

- Discussion on setting the 90% crop harvest date

*Motion by Seamans seconded by Zindorf to set the crop harvest date for December 1st 2021. Motion Carried

- Discussion of 2022 APHIS Budget

*Motion by Zindorf seconded by Seamans to approve the 2022 budget. Motion Carried

- Update on wildlife issues in Juneau County

7. CSGCC – Chris Zindorf

- Chris gave an update on the CSGCC and what the current plans are for the group

8. AGC UPDATE – Dustin Ladd

- There was an AGC phone meeting held on Sept. 15th. Discussion about the producer led initiative formed by the farmers in the impacted area
- GZA Environmental firm has been hired by the farmers to sample soil and water near farms with nitrate issues. There are 15 monitoring wells and samples for both soil and water are routinely taken at different depths
- So far, 72 water treatment systems have been installed and 10 high-pressure RO systems
- 23 more wells have been tested by Wood County, of those wells 10 tested above the safe drinking level for nitrate

9. PRODUCER LED WATERSHED UPDATE – Sarah Fleck

- Update given on the Producer Led Field Day that was held on September 14th
- The producer led grant applications for both the Lake Redstone group and the Lemonweir Valley group have been submitted to DATCP

10. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE-Brian Goepfert

- The Elroy Streambank project and the Wohlrab grade stabilization have both been completed
- Discussion of the Elroy bike trail currently being installed along the river at the fairgrounds and the possibility of a handicap accessible canoe launch being built in Union Center

11. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS-Committee

- Update given on Dustin Ladd's new daughter

12. SET NEXT MEETING DATE-Committee

Next meeting set **November 10th, 2021 at Time 8:15am** Location: **Courthouse**

13. ADJOURN-Committee

Meeting adjourned – Motion by Lally seconded by Zindorf to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m. Motion carried.