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Land & Water Resources Committee
February 10th, 2022 – 8:15 am
Courthouse, Mauston WI

PRESENT: Rodney Seamans, Chair, Joe Lally, Chris Zindorf, Scott Wilhorn, Jim Raese (FSA), Jon Field (NRCS), Gina Laack (ADRC), Kendra Kundering (Golden Sands RC&D)

1. Meeting called to order by chair, Rodney Seamans, at 8:13 am

2. MINUTES

* Motion by Zindorf seconded by Wilhorn to approve the minutes of January 13th, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

3. VOUCHERS – Dustin Ladd

- Update given on January vouchers, discussion of USGS/Sauk stream monitoring payments

4. NRCS – Jon Field

- EQIP sign up needs to be submitted by Feb. 11th. 32 applications have been submitted
- Summary of EQIP practices such as cover crops, converting cropland, and grazing easements

5. FSA – Jim Raese

- Doors are still locked due to Covid-19, call to schedule an in-person meeting
- ARCPLC 2022 program sign up is underway. The recommendations are out from the UW-Madison specialist. The sign-up deadline is March 15th, 2022.
- The Dairy Margin Coverage program sign up is well underway. The sign-up deadline has been extended to February 25th, 2022.
- We currently have a General CRP underway. The General CRP offers will be accepted by the FSA offices from January 31st, 2022, through March 11th, 2022. For General CRP sign up offers, all the offers are sent in nationwide and then decided via the National FSA standards and points at that time if the acres/offer will be accepted for rent by USDA
- There is also Continuous CRP sign up available through FSA. This sign-up will start after April 1st, 2022.

6. AIS UPDATE – Kendra Kundering

- Kendra Kundering from Golden Sands RC&D attended the meeting to give an update on the 2021 Aquatic Invasive Species highlights for Juneau County
- Update on boat launches monitored for AIS and purple loosestrife monitoring along roadways
- Discussion of education and outreach including invasive species identification/monitoring trainings
- Discussion of wild parsnip along Juneau Co roadways and partnering with the Highway Department

7. CONFERENCES– Sarah Fleck

- Update given on the Grazing Conference and the Gabe Brown conference that Land & Water staff attended, and the upcoming Producer led Watershed/Cover Crops conference at the end of February and the WI Land & Water Conference in March

8. MANURE COMPLAINTS – Dustin Ladd

- The DNR conducted an inspection of the Central Sands Dairy’s manure land application sites
- Discussion of the results of the report

9. UNION CENTER CANOE LAUNCH – Dustin Ladd/Gina Laack

- Dustin Ladd (LWRD) and Gina Laack (ADRC) outlined plans for installing a handicap accessible boat launch in Union Center
- Discussion of DNR permits, DOT funding, and where the boat launch would be located
- Discussion of grant funding – ARPA or ATC funds

*Motion by Wilhorn, seconded by Zindorf, for Dustin Ladd to go before the Finance Committee to see what funds are available to help pay for the boat launch. Motion Carried.

10. 2021 ANNUAL REPORT– Dustin Ladd

- The 2021 Annual Report has been completed and submitted, a brief overview of the report was given
- A copy of the report will be provided to committee members at the March meeting and the report will be summarized before the full county board in September

11. WELL TESTING – Dustin Ladd

- Working together with the Juneau County Health Department 2,700 well testing/nitrate notices will be sent out with the Septic Compliance letters
- Discussion of Wood County Water Lab funds and the ARPA well testing funding request

12. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS-Committee

- Discussion of statewide determination for FSA representative at County LWRD meetings. To be discussed further at the March committee meeting
- Discussion of future solar farms on prime farmland in Juneau County

13. SET NEXT MEETING DATE-Committee

Next meeting set **March 10th, 2022 at Time 8:15am** Location: **Courthouse**

14. ADJOURN-Committee

Meeting adjourned – Motion by Wilhorn seconded by Zindorf to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 a.m. Motion carried.