

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, January 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. Those present were Oscar Olson, Erica Roth, Jeff Williams, Kristi Leonard, Ken Hodgson, Dudley Timm, Tonya Gratz, Chris Newberry, Teresa Zimmer, Jason Thomas, Norma Olson, and Todd Jenson.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion by Leonard, second by Roth. Motion carried.

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$8142.27. A motion was made by Leonard, second by Hodgson to approve the bills. Motion carried.

The committee voted on the various categories for the poster contest. Jenson announced the top posters for each category. The top poster in K-1 was Taralyn Gratz of Monroe Northside. In grades 2-3, first place was Elana Boss of St. Victors, second was Joclyn Watson of St. Victors, and third was Evelyn Eckdahl of St. Victors. In grades 4-6, first place was Isabell Voit of Monticello, second was Maria Garcia of Monroe Middle school, and third was Brooke Bunker of Monroe Middle school. In grades 7-9, first place was Sophia Roth, homeschooled, second was Grace Gold of Juda, and third was Eric Meinke of Monroe Middle school.

Jenson passed out materials for the Wisconsin Land and Water Conference in Green Bay on March 4 – 6. He asked the committee members to let him know by the end of the month if they wish to attend.

The Land and Water Management Plan is up for its ten-year rewrite. Jenson has scheduled the presentation to the Wisconsin Land and Water Board for June 1, 2021, at the Justice Center in Monroe. We will have to host a tour for their board after the meeting.

Chris Newberry announced his resignation. He has accepted a position with the Rock County Land and Water Conservation office.

Gratz gave an educational demonstration on how potassium is an important factor in soil erosion, as it is essential in soil fertility.

Zimmer informed the committee that Jim McNeely was reelected to their committee. ARCPLC informational meetings were held in December. 2019 ARCPLC signup is March 15, 2020. There is currently a CRP signup that lasts until February 28. There will be CRP informational meetings held on Friday afternoons. Most of the loan officers have moved to the Madison state office. A new FSA temporary position started on Tuesday. They are also hiring two new permanent people.

Thomas informed the committee they have a new Administrative Assistant, Sarah Strathman. She has been helping with the CRP signup.

Jenson informed the committee he has been working on end of the year account closures. He has also been looking at cost-share application signups and some design work.

Gratz informed the committee the dates of her nutrient management classes. She has been helping the Farmers of the Sugar River plan for their annual meeting and shop talk. The Wisconsin cover crop conference is February 20.

Newberry informed the committee he has been working on designs and wrapping up projects.

In committee concerns, it was asked if well monitoring has been taking place at Pinnacle Dairy. Jenson is unsure of monitoring or results, if any.

There were no public comments.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 6, beginning at 10:00 AM at the USDA Service Center.

A motion was made by Timm, second by Williams to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.