



Monroe County Natural Resource and Extension Committee

Regular Monthly Meeting – April 14th, 2020

Monroe County - Board Assembly Room –Sparta, WI

Committee Members Present: N. VanWychen, D. Pierce, R. Luethe, R. Sherwood, J. Schmitz and P. Zastoupil (FSA Rep).

Not Present: None

Also Present: T. Osterberg (County Admin), C. Saxe (UW-EXT Area Dir.), B. Micheel (LC), J. Roll (History), and C. Ziegler (Parks).

Virtual Attendance: B. Halfman (UW-EXT), J. Goede (4H), A. Anderson (Health Educator), V. Kast (UW-EXT), N. Smetana (LC) and T. Townsell (Fort McCoy)

The meeting notice was posted in compliance with the open meeting law.

Call to Order: Chairman N. VanWychen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Public Comment Period: None

Approve Minutes from the March 10th NR & Extension Meeting: The committee reviewed the minutes. *A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by D. Pierce, second by R. Sherwood. Motion carried 6-0-0.*

Deke Slayton/Bike Museum: None

Local History Room/Wegner Grotto:

1. **Review March Report:** J. Roll reviewed report. (Report Attached)
2. **March Expenditures:** J. Roll reported nothing needed further explanation.

Motion made by D. Pierce to accept Reports, second by R. Luethe. Motion carried 6-0-0

County Farm Education Funds: None

Extension Office Business:

1. **Review March Expenditures:** Reviewed monthly expenditures.
2. **Agriculture Report:** (Report Attached)
3. **4H & Youth Development Report:** J. Goede reviewed report. (Report Attached)
4. **Health & Well-Being/FoodWise Report:** A. Anderson reviewed report. (Report Attached)
5. **AED Update:** None

Motion made by D. Pierce to accept Agents Reports, second by J. Schmitz. Motion carried 6-0-0

NRCS Report: (Report Attached)

Fort McCoy Update: T. Townsell reported Armed Forces day will not be held this year. Fort McCoy will be offering commemorative area open hours. Looking at every Friday in June, July and August to be open from 12 pm -4 pm. (Not July 2nd) and then the third Saturday of the month 12 pm – 3 pm. Pine View campground is filling up. Please make your reservations soon. August 26th will be Fort McCoy appreciation night. Training has already been able to pick up. Fort McCoy is still vaccinating there personal. Face mask will be required at Fort McCoy. Breaking ground on a new barracks. Fort McCoy is

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going to stock 15,000 rainbow trout in Fort McCoy lakes/streams. Forestry update - six active timber sales going on. Challenge Academy will be planting trees on April 25th. Arbor Day is scheduled for the 30th of April. Children from their daycare will be participation. 5,000 Red Pine will be planted on the installation this spring. Spring turkey season starts April 21st and all permits for all six season have been sold out.

Land Conservation Department:

1. **Review March Expenditures:** B. Micheel reviewed monthly expenditures.
2. **SUV Bid Opening:** None of the three SUV bids were approved at this time. Plan to compare to state bid before approving.
3. **County Conservationist Report:** B. Micheel reviewed report. (Attached) Bob announced Arin (Adm. Assistant) and Nick (Soil & Water Conservationist) have accepted other jobs. Arin’s last day is April 16th. Activity advertising these two jobs with the goal of filling the month of May.
4. **Review/ Approve Fishing Easements:** –

Motion made by R. Lueth to accept Muehlenkamp Family Farms LLP on Moore Creek & CR 21-12, Greeno Custom Farms LLC on Big Creek , Brenda A. Simonson on Coles Valley Creek, second by D. Pierce. Motion carried 6-0-0

5. **Review/ Approve Cost Share Agreements:**



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Cost-Share Approval Form**

Meeting Date: 4/14/21

<u>Landowner Name:</u>	<u>Practice:</u>	<u>Fund:</u>	<u>Total Cost-Share:</u>
Peaceful Valley Dairy LLC	Streambank Riprap (475') Bank Shaping (2728')	SWRM \$7,955 ATC \$11,950	\$ 19,905
Greeno Custom Farming	Streambank Riprap	SWRM \$10,722 ATC 10,722	\$ 21,544
Daniel Murphy	Waterway Repair	ATC \$3887.80	\$3788.80
Garland Kolbo, Leslie Kolbo, and Connie Smith	Streambank RipRap (150')	SWRM \$1,600.00	\$1,600.00

Motion made by D. Pierce to approve Cost Share Agreements, second by J. Schmitz. Motion carried 6-0-0

6. **Land Use Planner Report:** (Report Attached)
7. **Soil & Water Conservationist Report:** Nick S. thanked the committee and department for his time in Monroe County as he accepted a NRCS technician job with La Crosse County. Nick’s last day is April 21st. Bryce report attached.

DNR Forestry Reports:

1. **Warden:** None
2. **Forestry:** None
3. **Managed Forest Law Program:** None

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Forestry & Parks:

1. **Forestry & Park Updates:** (Report Attached)
2. **Reviewed/ Approved – Timber Sale Bids:** C. Ziegler reviewed timber sale bids. Wood Dawg's Logging, Nick Syryczuk, and Solberg Trucking were the high bidders on three of the tracts, one tract didn't receive any bids. Motion made to approve the high bidder for the three tracts that received bids. Motion by R. Lueth, second by D. Pierce, Motion passed 5-0-0 (Report Attached)
3. **Reviewed/Approved – Potential Property Acquisition – Town of Byron:** C. Ziegler reviewed the potential land acquisition with the committee. Committee agreed to pursue adjoining landowners about purchasing/trading land adjacent to the future lake access on Copper Road.
4. **Interest of support for Timber Professionals Cooperative:** C. Ziegler reviewed Timber Professionals Cooperative. Committee member decided more information is needed on the subject no action was taken.
5. **Review Forestry & Parks November Expenditures:** C. Ziegler reviewed the monthly expenditures.

Motion made by D. Peirce to accept Adjourning meeting second by J. Schmitz. Motion carried 6-0-0

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held, Wednesday May 12th, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at the Monroe County Board Assembly Room in Sparta.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Recorder: Arin Gowan