



Monroe County Natural Resource and Extension Committee

Regular Monthly Meeting – June 15th, 2021

Monroe County - Board Assembly Room –Sparta, WI

Committee Members Present: D. Pierce, R. Luethe and P. Zastoupil (FSA Rep).

Not Present: N. VanWychen and J. Schmitz

Also Present: C. Saxe (UW-EXT Area Dir.), B. Micheel (LC), Mykel Yancey (LC), Lily Adams (LC), J. Roll (History), A. Anderson (Health Educator) and C. Ziegler (Parks).

Virtual Attendance: V. Kast (UW-EXT)

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

Call to Order: Vice-Chairman D. Pierce called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Public Comment Period: None

Approve Minutes from the May 12th NR & Extension Meeting: The committee reviewed the minutes. *A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by R. Luethe, second by P. Zastoupil, Motion carried 3-0.*

Deke Slayton/Bike Museum: None

Local History Room/Wegner Grotto:

1. **Review May Report:** J. Roll reviewed his report (Attached)
2. **May Expenditures:** (Attached)

Motion made by R. Luethe to accept Reports, second by P. Zastoupil. Motion carried 3-0.

County Farm Education Funds: None

Extension Office Business:

1. **Review May Expenditures:** C. Saxe reviewed monthly expenditures (Attached)
2. **Agriculture Report:** Written report was submitted (Attached)
3. **4H & Youth Development Report:** Written report was submitted (Attached)
4. **Health & Well-Being/FoodWise Report:** A. Anderson reviewed report (Attached)
5. **AED Update:** C. Saxe announced this was his last meeting due to his upcoming retirement in July. His position will be replaced and someone may be assigned as interim until permanent replacement is determined.

Motion made by R. Luethe to accept agent reports, second by P. Zastoupil. Motion carried 3-0.

NRCS Report: None

Fort McCoy Update: None

Land Conservation Department:

1. **Review May Expenditures:** B. Micheel reviewed monthly expenditures (Attached)
2. **West Fork Kickapoo and Coon Creek Watersheds:** Public Scoping Meetings will be held to discuss the watershed structures. The West Fork Kickapoo Watershed meeting will take place on June 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at the Cashton Community Hall and the Coon Creek Watershed meeting will be June 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at the Coon Valley Legion Hall.

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3. **Jersey Valley Project:** B. Micheel, along with La Crosse and Vernon County counterparts, met with Ron Kind and Brad Pfaff at Jersey Valley to discuss cost sharing and funding for this project.
4. **Climate Change Task Force:** CCTF hosted Jay Fuhrer, Conservationist & Soil Health Specialist from North Dakota, at their last meeting. Crossings inventory is also being done by the Land Conservation interns, Mykel and Lily. A future presentation on their work is planned for August.
5. **Greenfire Project:** Greenfire project is working with farmers regarding climate change. The Land Conservation website is being restructured to include Greenfire info.
6. **Storage Ordinance:** B. Micheel is working with Andy (Corp Counsel), hopefully have something to bring to committee next month.
7. **Urban Forestry Project:** 30 trees have been planted around the courthouse.
8. **Stewardship Awards:** An article was written up in the newspaper. B. Micheel handed out nomination forms. Deadline is July 1st.
9. **Review/Approve Cost Share Agreements:** N/A
10. **Review/Approve Fishing Easements:** N/A
11. **Land Use Planner Report:** Written report was submitted (Report Attached)
12. **Soil & Water Conservationist Report:** Written report was submitted (Report Attached)

DNR Forestry Reports:

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

Forestry & Parks:

1. **Forestry & Park Updates:** (Report Attached) C. Ziegler gave the committee an update on the active timber harvesting and sales that are taking place in New Lyme, herbicide treatment of garlic mustard and buckthorn, bids for the upcoming timber sale for next spring, the electrical replacement of campsite 63 due to a fire, the review and approval of SNARS entries, the potential office relocation site, and reported current 2021 revenue.
2. **Discussion - Results of Angelo Wayside Chip Sealing Bids.** Scott Construction came in as the lowest bidder with a price of \$1.60/sq yd. The cost would be approximately \$2,000. There would be an additional cost for the Highway Department to remove parking lot bumpers and do sweeping. The total project cost would be under \$3,000.
3. **Discussion/Action – Property Survey Town of Grant, section 12:** C. Ziegler described the map of this property. Correct property boundaries were determined and there is a 1.8-acre parcel that adjoining landowner, Larry Christianson, may be interested in. Chad is going to speak with Larry regarding options.
4. **Discussion/Action – Potential Property Acquisition – Town of Byron:** C. Ziegler and Tina discussed this property. A written commitment was received from landowner and an offer to purchase was completed. Landowner is currently reviewing. Deadline to return offer to purchase is June 16th.
5. **Review Forestry & Parks May Expenditures:** C. Ziegler reviewed report.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 14th, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at the Monroe County Board Assembly Room in Sparta.

Adjourn: *Motion made by R. Lueth to adjourn the meeting, second by P. Zastoupil. Motion carried 3-0.* Meeting was adjourned at 10:11 am.

Recorder: Christal Fortun