



Monroe County Natural Resource and Extension Committee

Regular Monthly Meeting – June 15th, 2021

Monroe County - Board Assembly Room –Sparta, WI

Committee Members Present: Nodji VanWychen, Ron Luethe, David Pierce, Jen Schmitz, Mark Nicholson, Paul Zastoupil - FSA

Not Present: None

Also Present: Adam Hady, Bill Halfman, Bryce Richardson, Jarrod Roll, Joshua Goede, Tonya Townsell, Chad Ziegler

Virtual Attendance: April Anderson, Bob Micheel

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

Call to Order: Committee Chair, Nodji VanWychen called the meeting to order at 8:44 am

Public Comment Period: None

Approve Minutes from the June 15th NR & Extension Meeting: The committee reviewed the minutes. *A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented, by D. Pierce, second by R. Luethe, Motion carried 5-0.*

Local History Room/Wegner Grotto:

1. **June Reports** – J. Roll reviewed his report (see attached)
2. **June Expenditures** - J. Roll reviewed his expenditure report (attached)

A motion was made by D. Pierce to approve the minutes, 2nd by Mark Nicholson, Motion Carried 5-0.

County Farm Education Funds: None

Extension Office Business:

1. **Review June Expenditures** – B. Halfman reviewed the expenditure report (attached)
2. **Agriculture Report** – B. Halfman reviewed his report (attached)
3. **Health & Well-Being/Food Wise Report** - A. Anderson reviewed her report (attached)
4. **4H & Youth Development Report** – J. Goede reviewed his report (attached) and Office Summer Assistant T. Hanley also reviewed her report (attached)
5. **AED Update** – No update, Adam Hady confirmed that he is taking over for C. Saxe as area director but is currently working in both his prior and new position.

Motion made by D. Pierce to accept Reports, second by J. Schmitz. Motion Carried 5-0

Fort McCoy Update:

1. Tonya Townsell presented the following update to the committee:

- a. There is a consumption advisory for Silver Creek. Questions should be referred to the DNR as they issued the advisory.
- b. A study on construction/engineering has begun on Silver Creek and La Crosse River Tributaries.
 - i. Endangered Species Update on sightings of Frosted Elfin butterfly, Active Eagle Nests, Bull Snakes, Wild Lupine and Karner Blue Butterfly habitat
- c. Prescribed Burn Process continues
- d. Celebrated their 32nd Tree City Award in April
- e. 87 Turkey were harvested in the spring hunt and application process for fall seasons are open
- f. There has been good turnout for the historic/commemorative area and they are open and working on updating displays. Also note that the picnic area is open.

Land Conservation Department:

1. **Review June Expenditures** – B. Micheel reviewed expenditure report. To note that DATCP is the only new charge to the report, \$50 annually for anyone organization selling trees. (see attached report)
2. **LCD – Director’s Report** - B. Micheel present and reviewed reports (see attached)
3. **Review/Approve 2021 Nomination for Conservation Farmer & Conservationist of the Year** – B. Micheel presented nominations, R. Luethe made a motion to approve the nominations as presented, D. Pierce second the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (P. Zastoupil voting)
4. **Cost Share Agreements** B. Micheel presented cost share agreement. D. Pierce made a motion to approve as presented, J. Schmitz second the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (P. Zastoupil voting) N. VanWychen signed agreement.
5. **Fishing Easements – Review/Approve** - B. Micheel presented 2 fishing easements that transitioned from 20 years to perpetual. D. Pierce made a motion to approve as presented, J. Schmitz second the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (P. Zastoupil voting) N. Van Wychen signed easement forms, B. Richardson Notary.
6. **Land Use Planner Report (Anderson)** – written report received (see attached)
7. **Soil & Water Conservationist Reports (Richardson & Anderson)** – B. Richardson reviewed conservationist report. (see attached)

Forestry & Parks:

1. **Forestry & Parks (C. Ziegler)**
 - Forestry & Parks Updates – C. Ziegler presented report (see attached)
 - Discussion/Action - Potential Property Acquisition - Town of Byron
- The Natural Resources & Extension Committee may go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session
 - Review June Forestry & Parks Expenditures C. Ziegler reviewed expenditure report

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Reports:

1. Deke Slayton/Bike Museum Report (A. Young) - None
2. NRCS Report (Komiskey) - None
3. DNR Forestry Reports:
 - Warden Report (Modjeski) - None
 - Forester Report (Mickelson/Gilman) - None
 - Managed Forest Law Program (Bauer) - None

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held **Monday August 9th at 8:30 a.m.** at the Monroe County Board Assembly Room in Sparta.

Adjourn: *Motion made by D. Pierce to adjourn, second by J. Schmitz, Motion carried 5-0*
Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am

Recorder: Theresa Pfaff