



Monroe County
Natural Resource and Extension Committee
 820 Industrial Drive, Suite 3, Sparta WI 54656
 Phone – 608-269-8973 • Fax – 608-269-4394
 Email – bmicheel@co.monroe.wi.us

Meeting Access

Link:
<https://monroecountywi.webex.com/>

Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, October 13th, 2021 @8:30 a.m.
Monroe County – Board Assembly Room Sparta, WI

Committee Members Present: Nodji Van Wychen, Ron Luethe, David Pierce, Mark Nicholson, Jen Schmitz, Paul Zastoupil (FSA Rep)

Also present: Adam Hady, Joshua Goede, Bob Micheel, Alyssa Young, Vicky Kast, Tonya Townsell, Philip Peterson, Chad Ziegler, Megan Mickelson

Virtual Attendees: None

This meeting was posted in compliance with open meeting laws.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Committee Chair, Nodji Van Wychen

Public Comment Period: None

Approve minutes from the September 8, 2021 Meeting. The committee reviewed the minutes.

A motion was made by J. Schmitz to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Second by D. Pierce. Motion carries 6-0 (P. Zastoupil voting)

1. **Local History Room/Wegner Grotto** - A written report was provided by J. Roll (see attached)
2. **Deke Slayton/Bike Museum Report** – A written report was provided and presented by A. Young. Groups are starting to come back to the museum for tours. Events coming up include the chicken Q fundraiser, Star Wars program, and the Boys & Girls trick or treat street.

A motion was made to accept the reports as presented/provided by D. Pierce, second by R. Luethe. Motion carries 5-0 (P. Zastoupil not voting)

3. Extension Office Business

- County Farm Education Funds – None
- Review September Expenditures – Written report provided by B. Halfman, see attached
- Agriculture Report - Written report was provided by B. Halfman, see attached
- 4H & Youth Development Report – J. Goede provided and presented a written report, see attached
- Health & Well-Being/Food Wise Report – Written report was provided by A. Anderson, see attached
- AED Update – A. Hady provided an update. The search continues for an Area 14 AED so Hady will cover both 13 and 14, which includes 10 counties, for another month or so.

A motion was made to accept the reports as presented/provided by D. Pierce, second by J. Schmitz. Motion carries 5-0 (P. Zastoupil not voting)

4. Fort McCoy Update

- T. Townsell presented an update of the conservation work at Fort McCoy which includes monitoring endangered species. There are gun/deer permits available, but the archery hunt in the cantonment area for 2021 has been canceled.
- Resettlement procedures for our 13,000 guests started this week. It wasn't possible to do this before because of the hold in place needed for vaccinations. Currently the larger afghan population areas don't have enough housing available, so it may take longer to resettle them. Food is good and plenty and everyone has been to the clothing distribution center at least once. Cultural training is

Monroe County – Natural Resource & Extension Committee Members

• Nodji VanWychen-Chair • Ron Luethe • David Pierce • Jen Schmitz • Mark Nicolson • Paul Zastoupil-FSA Rep

www.co.monroe.wi.us

PLEASE NOTE: A quorum of the Monroe County Board or other committees may be present at this meeting. No business of the County Board or other committees will be conducted at this meeting, only the business noted above.



Monroe County
Natural Resource and Extension Committee
820 Industrial Drive, Suite 3, Sparta WI 54656
Phone – 608-269-8973 • Fax – 608-269-4394
Email – bmicheel@co.monroe.wi.us

an everyday occurrence, both for our guests as well as employees. There is no outbreak of measles, just a few cases. Anyone who wishes to donate or help with our guests are encouraged to go to the website Welcome.US or [facebook.com/Ft McCoy](https://facebook.com/FtMcCoy).

5. Wildlife Damage Program

- P. Peterson gave an overview of the program. Farmers who have crop damaged by black bear, deer, mountain lions, sand hill cranes, wolves, or turkeys are eligible for reimbursement. The program is funded by hunter dollars, there are no County dollars attached to this program.
- The 2021 crop prices were discussed and set. *A motion was made to set the price of corn at \$5/bushel by D. Pierce. Second by P. Zastoupil. Motion carries 6-0 (P. Zastoupil voting). A motion was made to set the price of soybeans at \$11/bushel by D. Pierce. Second by P. Zastoupil. Motion carries 6-0 (P. Zastoupil voting). A motion to set the price of large pumpkins at \$5, small pumpkins at \$2, sunset squash at \$3, and winter squash at \$1.50 by M. Nicholson. Second by D. Pierce. Motion carries 6-0 (P. Zastoupil voting).*
- P. Peterson presented the importance of the 90% harvest date and history. *A motion was made to set the date at December 1, 2021 by M. Nicholson. Second by R. Lueth. Motion carries 6-0 (P. Zastoupil voting)*
- P. Peterson presented the 2022 Budget of \$31,653.86, which is \$3,100 more than last year. The budget includes salaries, mileage, administrative costs and program reimbursements. *A motion was made to approve the 2022 budget by D. Pierce. Second by J. Schmitz. Motion carries 6-0 (P. Zastoupil voting).*

6. Land Conservation Department

- **September Expenditures & 2022 Budget Update** – Provided and presented by B. Micheel, see attached.
- **Fiscal Recovery Funds** – B. Micheel discussed three proposals. 1.) Phase II of the Monroe County Climate Readiness & Rural Economic Opportunity Assessment in conjunction with Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation this would entail developing the action plan. 2.) Provide cost sharing to landowners for conservation practices that target/mitigate flood impacts on infrastructure/business/agriculture. 3.) Provide continued funding for private well water sampling across the county to expand baseline for water quality in Monroe Co. Estimating for all three programs \$250,000-300,000 with the money needing to be spent by 2024.
- **Vehicle Purchase Update** – B. Micheel said a vehicle will be purchased in December.
- **LCD – Director’s Report** – Provided and presented by B. Micheel, see attached. The Department is currently recruiting for an Administrative Assistant position. A clean water resolution where clean water is a right of all residents for Wisconsin was discussed. This resolution would then go to the legislature in support for funding. Climate change task force met and are doing community listening sessions in October and December. The tree sales program is being finalized and getting ready to roll out. The CWD Task Force has contacted local businesses who will take carcasses and dispose of them properly as well as sites to test for CWD.
- **Fishing Easements** – B. Micheel presented the easements. *A motion was made to approve the easements as presented by D. Pierce. Second by R. Lueth. Motion carries 6-0 (P. Zastoupil voting)*
- **Land Use Planner Report** – Written report provided by R. Anderson, see attached.

Monroe County – Natural Resource & Extension Committee Members

• Nodji VanWychen-Chair • Ron Lueth • David Pierce • Jen Schmitz • Mark Nicolson • Paul Zastoupil-FSA Rep

www.co.monroe.wi.us

PLEASE NOTE: A quorum of the Monroe County Board or other committees may be present at this meeting. No business of the County Board or other committees will be conducted at this meeting, only the business noted above.



Monroe County
Natural Resource and Extension Committee
820 Industrial Drive, Suite 3, Sparta WI 54656
Phone – 608-269-8973 • Fax – 608-269-4394
Email – bmicheel@co.monroe.wi.us

- **Soil & Water Conservationist Reports** – Written report was provided by Richardson & B. Anderson, see attached.
 - **Cost Share Applications** – B. Micheel presented the cost share applications for review and approval. *A motion was made to approve the cost share applications as presented by R. Luethe. Second by J. Schmitz. Motion carries 6-0 (P. Zastoupil voting)*
- 7. Forestry and Parks**
- **Forestry and Parks** – C. Ziegler provided and presented written report, see attached.
 - **Resolution Authorizing Purchase of 234.41 Acres for County Forest in the Town of Byron** – C. Ziegler provided and presented resolution. *A motion was made to approve the resolution as presented by D. Pierce. Second by R. Luethe. Motion carries 5-0 (P. Zastoupil not voting).*
- Review September Expenditures** – provided and presented by C. Ziegler, see attached.
- 8. NRCS Report** – Written report provided by M. Komiskey.
- 9. DNR Forestry Reports:**
- Warden Report (Modjeski) - none
 - Forester Report – Report presented by Mickelson. Working on an emergency township service booklet, broken down by zone and fire number. This would help aid in a forest fire or flood emergency to be distributed to government agencies, not for public distribution.
 - Managed Forest Law Program (Bauer) - none

Discussion on the times being listed on the agenda. Committee suggested adding 'All times are approximate and may change' to the top of the agenda.

A motion was made to adjourn by R. Luethe. Second by J. Schmitz. The motion carries 6-0 (P. Zastoupil voting)

Meeting Adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Next Meeting: November 10th, 2021 @8:30 a.m.

Monroe County – Natural Resource & Extension Committee Members

• Nodji VanWychen-Chair • Ron Luethe • David Pierce • Jen Schmitz • Mark Nicolson • Paul Zastoupil-FSA Rep

www.co.monroe.wi.us

PLEASE NOTE: A quorum of the Monroe County Board or other committees may be present at this meeting. No business of the County Board or other committees will be conducted at this meeting, only the business noted above.