



**Monroe County**  
**Natural Resource and Extension Committee**  
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**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday November 11, 2024 @8:30 a.m.**  
**USDA Farm Service Center – Conference Room, Sparta, WI**

**Committee Members Present:** Nodji VanWychen, Joey Esterline, Todd Sparks, Paul Zastoupil

**Committee Members Absent:** Cedric Schnitzler, Doug Rogalla

**Also Present:** Chad Ziegler, Abby Czynscon, Bob Micheel, Lily Lefebvre, Jarrod Roll, Adam Hady, Jason Hornickle, April Anderson, Connie Weedman

**This meeting was posted in compliance with open meeting laws.**

**The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chair Nodji VanWychen**

### **Introduction**

**Public Comment Period** – A public comment was shared regarding how unique the old growth hard wood at Tri-Creek is in regards to other areas.

**Approve Minutes from the October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Meeting.** The committee reviewed the minutes. *A motion was made by T. Sparks to approve the meeting minutes, Second by J. Esterline, Motion carries 4-0-2.*

### **Local History Room/Wegner Grotto Report (J. Roll)**

- Back to the 1980's Christmas exhibit will open in 2 weeks
- New website has been launched
- October Financials reviewed

### **Deke Slayton/Bike Museum (A. Young) – not present, not report**

- A Request was made by the committee to ask for a yearly, in person, report beginning in December

*A motion was made by T. Sparks to approve the reports as presented, Second by P. Zastoupil, Motion carries 4-0-2.*

### **Extension Office Business (A. Hady)**

- October Expenditures reviewed – see attached
- Extension Educator Reports (A. Anderson) –report attached
- 4H Youth Development Educator (J. Hornickel) - report attached
- Jason shared a picture of a 4H clover costume that was made for the 4H Extension Program and a clover puppet that was a craft item made at the 4H Halloween Open House

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**Fort McCoy Update (T. Townsell) – Federal Holiday – no report**

**NRCS Report (H. Geurts) – Federal Holiday, no report**

**Land Conservation Department (B. Micheel)**

- Review October expenditures –see attached
- LCD Director’s Report – see attached
- Land Use Planner Report (R. Anderson) –see attached
- Soil & Water Conservationist Reports (Torkelson, Lefebvre)–see attached
- Cost share agreements – see attached

*A motion was made by J. Esterline to approve the Cost Share Agreements, Second by P. Zastoupil, Motion carries 4-0-2.*

- Conservation Agronomist Report – (B. Robson) – see attached
- Three candidates were chosen by the Committee as nominees for the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board; Micheel will submit the vote on behalf of Monroe County LCD/NR&E committee.

*A motion was made by T. Sparks to approve the three nominations for the WI Land + Water Board, Second by P. Zastoupil, Motion carries 4-0-2*

- *The Committee Nominated a former Monroe County (Conservation Farmer) Stewardship Award Winner for the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Farmer of the Year*

*A motion was made by T. Sparks to approve the Nomination for WI Land + Water Conservation Farmer of the year, Second by P. Zastoupil Motion carries 4-0-2.*

**Forestry (C. Ziegler, A. Czynscon)**

- Forestry and Park updates –see attached
- Resolution Establishing a County Park will be presented at the December meeting

**Parks (C. Ziegler, A. Czynscon)**

- Reviewed October expenditures

*A motion was made by P. Zastoupil to adjourn the meeting, Second by J. Esterline Motion carries 4-0-2.*

**Adjourn 10:16 am - Next Meeting: Monday December 9, 2024 @8:30 a.m.**

**At USDA Farm Services Center – Conference Room, Sparta, WI**

**Recorded by Tracy Antonneau, Administrative Associate**

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