

Monroe County Natural Resource and Extension Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting – June 11, 2019
Monroe County Ag Service Center – 820 Industrial Dr., Sparta, WI

Committee Members present: N. VanWychen, D. Pierce, J. Schroeder, W. Habegger, and K. Raymer (FSA Rep).
Not Present: A. McCoy

Also Present: B. Micheel (LC), R. Anderson (Land Use Planner), C. Mulder (LC), T. Hanson (LC), J. Roll (History) C. Ziegler (Parks), C. Saxe (UW-EXT Area Dir.), B. Halfman (UW_EXT), J. Goede (UW-EXT), Sierra (Summer Ext Agent), A. Karrels (Deke Slayton Museum) M. Komiskey (NRCS), S. Brownell, Tonya (Ft. McCoy)

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

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

Public Comment Period: None

Approve Minutes from the May 14th NR & Extension Meeting: The committee reviewed the minutes. *A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by D. Pierce, second by W. Habegger. Motion carried 4-0-1.*

Deke Slayton/Bike Museum: A. Karrels mentioned the Space Day being held this Saturday the 15th celebrating their 20th anniversary with food, music, and fun activities. Karrels reported the 1st Jr. Space Camp to be held this year has 24 slots filled and this is the 4th year for the regular space camp. Karrels stated her last day will be June 28th as she has accepted the Historical Site Director position offered to her at the Wade House near Sheboygan. Karrels stated Alyssa Young will be the new interim manager.

Local History Room/Wegner Grotto: J. Roll gave his report mentioning “Fires, Floods, and Freaks of Nature II” and the “Civilian Conservation Corps” evening programs promoted and hosted. Report attached.

Motion was made by D. Pierce to accept the report as presented, second by J. Schroeder. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Discuss/Approval of request for credit card limit increase: *Motion was made by D. Pierce to accept the credit card limit increase as presented, second by J. Schroeder. Motion carried 4-0-1.*

County Farms Education Funds: None

Extension Office Business:

1. **Review May Expenditures:** (Saxe) C. Saxe reviewed monthly expenditures.
2. **Dissolution of WACEC/Creation of WEXA:** *Motion was made by D. Pierce to approve the resolution as presented, second by J. Schroeder. Motion carried 4-0-1.*
3. **Family Living Position:** C. Saxe gave a handout for the Health & Well-Being Extension Educator Position description to the committee members. (Attached). *Motion was made by D. Pierce to approve the position description as presented, second by J. Schroeder. Motion carried 4-0-1.*
4. **4H & Youth Development Report** (Goede) – report attached.
5. **Agriculture Report** (Halfman) - report attached.
6. **AED Update** (Saxe) - None.
Motion made by J. Schroeder to accept Agent reports and review of expenditures, second by W. Habegger. Motion carried 4-0-1.

NRCS Report: Michelle reported NRCS is working on compliance reviews, EQIP streambank and soil health sign-ups, CSP interview and visits, submitted one wetland easement project for review, helping land conservation departments develop grant request for planning in the Coon Creek and West Fork Kickapoo, and participating and presenting at the Monroe County Invasive Species Working Group field event at Ft. McCoy this week. NRCS was not able to hire in Onalaska, hoping to try again soon.

Land Conservation Department:

1. **WI Conservation Congress Update:** S Brownell gave his report on attending the WI Conservation Congress meeting. Brownell has been re-elected for a 10th term.
2. **Conservation Reserve enhancement Program (CREP) - Rutland Plan Amendment- Review/Approve:** Discussion regarding the Byron Rutland request to change cover type for one field that falls under a perpetual CREP agreement. *Motion was made by J. Schroeder to approve Rutland Plan to convert from trees to grass, second by D. Pierce. Motion carried 4-0-1.*
3. **Fishing Easement- Andre Paquette- Review/Approve:** C. Mulder discussed the scope and location of the fishing easement and plan to complete some streambank shaping. *Motion was made by J. Schroeder to approve the fishing easement as presented, second by D. Pierce. Motion carried 4-0-1.*
4. **Conservation Camp Scholarship- Review/Approve:** C. Holzl reported receiving one conservation camp scholarship form from Ellsey Caulkins for attending the Sand Lake Conservation Camp. *Motion was made by J. Schroeder to approve the camp scholarship for \$50 to Ellsey Caulkins as presented, second by D. Pierce. Motion carried 4-0-1.*
5. **Review May Expenditures:** B. Micheel reviewed monthly expenditures.
6. **Budget Adjustment- State Cost Share- Review/Approve:** *Motion was made by J. Schroeder to approve the budget adjustment increase of \$86,000 to the State Cost Share Program/ Grant Expense SWRM, second by W. Habegger. Motion carried 4-0-1.*
7. **Line Item Transfer- Tree Sales Program- Review/Approve:** B. Micheel reported the funds deposited in 2018 for tree sales were not available for covering all tree purchase expenses this spring. Extra funds in the staff salaries budget will be used to cover cost. *Motion was made by W. Habegger to approve the line item transfer of \$4,798.64 from the salaries account to the tree sales account to cover a tree vendor invoice, second by D. Pierce. Motion carried 4-0-1.*
8. **Coon Creek & West Fork Kickapoo River Watersheds-(Comprehensive Planning Strategy) Application for Federal Assistance- Review Approve:** B. Micheel discussed the Coon Creek Watershed and the recent meeting M. Komiskey and he attended. The NRCS State Engineer, and Area Office staff, along with La Crosse & Vernon County staff discussed request for planning assistance, timelines, structures and different options. Micheel spoke of beginning the process with a letter of request from Monroe County (Sponsor) to the NRCS State Office request financial assistance for watershed planning fund which would include a preliminary PL566 dam design with cost/benefits. *Motion was made by J. Schroeder to approve application for Federal Assistance as presented, second by D. Pierce. Motion carried 5-0-1.*
9. **County Conservasionist Report:** B. Micheel handed out the flyer for the LCC Training & Area Association Tour scheduled for Tuesday July 23, 2019. Micheel also spoke of the half day training for land owners in Monroe County for the Invasive Species Working Group set for June 13th. (Report attached).
10. **Soil & Water Conservasionist Report:** C. Mulder reported completing construction on a stream restoration project on Brush Creek. Mulder mentioned attending the DNR Electroshock on Beaver Creek. Mulder reported hosting an educational booth at the Monroe County Dairy Breakfast and an invasive species booth at the Sparta Area School Forest. Mulder discussed placing a snapshot Wisconsin trail camera at the Rolling Hills county farm – DNR will use the photos from the camera to help with species population and locations. Tori Hanson (summer intern) gave a brief report on her activities and mentioned she grew up in the Little Falls area. (Reports attached).
11. **Land Use Planner Report:** R. Anderson reported on her different activities including grant funding research and comprehensive plans. (report attached)

DNR Reports:

1. **Private Lands:** None
2. **Warden:** None
3. **MFL:** None

Forestry & Parks:

1. **Forestry & Park Updates:** C. Ziegler discussed his report including completion of sale 154 in Town of New Lyme. (Report attached)
2. **Review Forestry & Parks May Expenditures:** C. Ziegler submitted monthly expenditures.
3. **High Capacity Well- New Lyme:** C. Ziegler discussed the email received from the sellers regarding the \$125 annual permit for the high capacity well. Ziegler mentioned different options- keep the well as is, abandon the well, or use as fire protection for Ft. McCoy. Ziegler mentioned that he and Nodji will be attending the Jackson & Monroe County Summer Tour next week.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at the Monroe County Ag Services Center in Sparta.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Recorder: Connie Holzl



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LHR Director / County Historian's Report, May 2019
Submitted by Jarrod Roll

Highlighted Projects and Activities by Jarrod Roll, Hannah Scholze, and Volunteers

- Provided educational programming to over 500 students in the classroom, at LHR, at Woodlawn Cemetery, and as part of Wisconsin Heritage Day (Warrens)
- Promoted and hosted the "Fires, Floods, and Freaks of Nature II" and the "Civilian Conservation Corps" evening programs
- Prepared for and attended Armed Forces Day outreach event at Fort McCoy, providing educational outreach to over 300 people
- Led team to clean Brackett School and prepare it for school visits
- Met with representatives from the John Michael Kohler Art Center at the Wegner Grotto to discuss the strengths, challenges, opportunities and threats to the Wegner Grotto site
- Organized Wegner Grotto cleanup day; managed team of youth to remove old mulch and lay new; removed debris to county land; repaired broken sign-in door
- Processed artifact donations to LHR, assigning accession numbers and home locations and taking photos of each
- Continued sorting backlog of collections needing cataloging, photographing, and permanent home location assignments
- Began purchasing and acquiring the supplies needed by the Grotto restoration team
- Set up booth for Dairy Breakfast

In addition to the projects listed above, the Director supervises the following volunteer and support staff:

- Hannah Scholze (Museum Services Associate): runs Facebook; teaches students; assists with research, exhibits, marketing, and most projects listed above, etc.
- Agnes Jenkins: indexing newspapers
- Dennis Burek: photo scanning projects; artifact cataloging; assist with clerical duties
- Barb Reedich: researching Monroe County schools; answer research requests; assist with exhibits
- Jane Schmidt: indexing marriage records and sorting through court records
- Jim Ebert: indexing newspapers
- Sandy Waltherman: creating a master index of Monroe County graduates
- Adam Balz: indexing jail and probate records; researching and writing about county topics
- Marilyn Beall: indexing Woodlawn Cemetery burial permits; assisting with exhibits and collections
- Barb Reisinger: indexing newspapers
- Sara Oostdik: processing images scanned from photos shared by patrons; provides collections management assistance
- Kirstin Hoffland: on call employee who assists with a variety of office and library tasks
- Stephanie Clark: on call employee who is indexing county jail records and who assists with a variety of office and library tasks

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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Highlights Update May 13, 2019 through June 11, 2019

The Ag Agent trained two adults to be 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteers to lead their Shotgun Project in their counties at Phillips on May 18th.

We are working on two projects with cooperating farms to follow up on the dairy x beef cross calves. One project is focusing on looking at being able to predict what the calves will look like muscle wise within a week of birth. The second project will be collecting feedlot performance data on these cattle.

The hops trial is underway, and petiole samples will be taken this week. The corn nitrogen trial has been marked off and the at plant treatment applied. The corn planter closing wheel trial has been planted. Due to the weather we did not put the corn starter trial out this year.

The ag agent has two Cashton High School Students working on projects with him this year. One project involves comparing organic approved controls for potato leafhoppers. This project will be in cooperation with two farmers near St. Mary's Ridge. We will compare 3 different materials to an untreated check. The other project will be looking at the impact of an experimental RNAi compound on non-target insects in a Colorado potato beetle control trial at Hancock.

The Extension Office had a display at the Monroe County Dairy Breakfast. The Ag Agent, along with the Summer Assistant and 4-H Agent were at the breakfast. The Summer Assistant, and 4-H Agent organized and conducted activities for kids. It was a good opportunity to interact with participants and answer multiple questions on a variety of topics.

The Ag Agent attended the Beef Quality Assurance State Coordinators conference in Ft. Collins, Colorado, June 4th through the 7th. The conference provided an opportunity to learn and network with other state's leadership on the BQA program and share ideas and educational efforts. In addition, the group was able to tour a feedlot, cow calf operation a dairy, and the new meat lab and facility at Colorado State University. It was also an opportunity to learn about upcoming new changes in the BQA training and the industry as far as changing retailer requirements and demands.

Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized

June 13 Invasive Species Field day- Ft. McCoy

June 17 to 19 Tractor Safety- Monroe La Crosse at Sparta

June 26 27 Regional BQA training- Ames IA

July 19 Hops Summer Field Day

Aug 9 Eastern Iowa Feedlot School, guest presenter

Aug?? Summer Crops Field Days



Joshua L. Goede

AODA Opportunity w/Monroe County Safe Community Coalition

On May 28, The Agents 4 Change and some guest Agents presented the new middle school program to the EDGE Academy in Sparta. The program consists of a break out room and then a facilitated discussion. Over all a great experience. The students in the EDGE were receptive.

This summer the Agents 4 Change will be taking three Brookwood students to the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America Mid-Year Training in Dallas, TX. The conference will lead the three young ladies through the steps to create change in a local community. These steps include inventorying their community, setting attainable goals, making relationships to achieve outcomes as well as ways to keep work moving forward.

Shooting Sports

Powder sports started for the first time in two years in 2019. The .22 Rifle and Shotgun classes are Mondays and Wednesdays. We have had two classes and will continue for two more weeks, until the 19th of June. We have 8 youth very excited to be practicing these skills and all have busted at least one bird. Practices are from 6pm to dusk.

Clover Camp

Clover Camp will be on July 9, 2019 from 8 am until 4 pm. We will be using a new facility in the county, The Sparrow's Nest at the Abbey. It is the old monastery outside of Sparta. Activities for the day will explore many disciplines that 4-H offers. Animal science, arts

and crafts, nutrition, physical play and many other learning opportunities. There will also be snacks and lunch served.

Summer Camp/Out Post

Plans are final for 2019 Outpost. The dates are June 17-19. We will be camping in Wilton with access to the community hall kitchen, pool and shower houses. The group will also travel to Kickapoo Valley Reserve for programing and hiking. We will end camp with a nice canoe down the Kickapoo River, starting at Kickapoo Wild Adventures.

St. Croix Summer Trip

The Agent will be helping the St. Croix Educator work with her Explore WI Trip as she comes to our area. She is working with Deke Slayton Bike Museum as well. As well as heading to Ft. McCoy and Wetherby Cranberries.

Jr. Leader Road Trip

On August 24-26 the Jr. Leaders Plan to travel to the MN State Fair. We will visit the fair and other local attractions, possibly the zoo or Guthrie Theater. On the way home, we will be stopping in St. Croix County to explore that area of the state with the help of the St. Croix County Educator.

Other Summer Plans

The Summer Assistant is busy planning summer programs for 4-Hers in 3rd -6th grades.

Continuing Programs

COMING SOON

- June 17-19 Tractor Safety
- June 17-19 Out Post Camp
- June 17 Clothing Preview
- June 24-27 WI 4-H & Youth Conference
- July 9 Clover Camp
- July 10 Girl's Science Day
- July 11 Boy's Science Day
- July 14-18 CADCA Mid-Year
- July 24-28 Monroe County Fair
- August 4-6 4-H Summer Camp
- August 23 3-6 Grade Road Trip
- August 24-26 Jr. Leader Road Trip.
- Jr. Leaders
 - Will be helping with Clover Camp on July 9.
 - Planning the Ice Cream Stand for 2019
- Volunteers in Preparation
 - There are no more classes scheduled for 2019 until Fall. If a volunteer needs training a special time will be set up.

**HEALTH & WELL-BEING EXTENSION EDUCATOR
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

WORKING TITLE: Health & Well-Being Extension Educator (100%)

OFFICIAL TITLE: Outreach Specialist Series

OFFICE LOCATION: Extension Monroe County, 206 South K Street, Sparta WI 54656

This Health & Well-Being Extension Educator position will primarily serve Monroe County; specific program coverage is contingent on funding and location may be reassigned to align with program priorities.

POSITION OVERVIEW

The Health & Well-Being Extension Educator serves the people and communities of Wisconsin by addressing local, statewide and national issues, improving lives through research-based education, fostering partnerships and action, and facilitating positive impacts.

This position is a part of the Extension Institute for Health & Well-Being with programmatic emphasis in the Healthy Eating, Active Living Program and FoodWise Program. The Extension Institute for Health & Well-Being focuses on multi-level change models that include direct educational programs throughout the lifespan and cross-sector engagement for community-wide change. Current healthy eating, active living programming efforts include promoting food security, preventing chronic disease and working collaboratively with partners to implement policies, systems and environmental supports designed to facilitate voluntary adoption of healthy food choices and active lifestyles. FoodWise is federally funded by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed).

Initial programming focus will include:

- Assessing community efforts related to healthy eating and active living among individuals and families with an emphasis on individuals with limited economic resources
- Providing leadership and educational outreach to individuals, families and communities to promote healthy eating and active living with an emphasis on nutrition and physical activity supports for individuals with limited economic resources

This position reports directly to the Area Extension Director for supervision, employment changes, compensation and benefits and performance reviews.

PRIMARY DUTIES:

Programming (50%)

- Utilize knowledge of local communities and partners to identify needs and deliver relevant programming;
- Access, develop or adapt culturally-relevant, research-based educational programming to meet identified needs and opportunities and in accordance with SNAP-Ed federal funding guidance;
- Develop and manage the FoodWise budget for Monroe County;

- Expand access by reaching and engaging diverse audiences and ensuring full access to programs, facilities, and educational services; and
- Evaluate and report on programming by utilizing established tools and processes to inform future program design, improve effectiveness and demonstrate value.

Collaboration & Relationships (25%)

- Collaborate with local colleagues to promote a positive office environment, determine local needs, and share resources;
- Develop and maintain respectful working relationships;
- Collaborate with statewide colleagues within and across organizational structures to develop and adapt standardized and relevant programming; and
- Promote Extension and its programs to build greater access, visibility and value.
- Develop and/or support community coalitions and partnerships that extend programmatic reach and expand programmatic impact.

Administrative & Programmatic Accountability (25%)

- Works with the Area Extension Director and local partners to identify programming needs and seek input on performance;
- Creates a plan that identifies local audiences, describes the programming to meet their needs, connects to larger program objectives of the Division of Extension and the Health & Well-Being Institute, and assesses programming effectiveness;
- Ensure program activities and expenditures conform to federal program guidance;
- Communicates plans, activities, and achievements to relevant stakeholders;
- Ensures programs serve and reach audiences reflective of the diversity of the state; and
- Submits reports that meet the requirements, policies, and established practices of the Division of Extension and partners, including federal Civil Rights requirements.

INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION:

The Health & Well-Being Extension Educator is an employee of the Division of Extension, a member of the Health & Well-Being Institute and will affiliate with the Healthy Eating, Active Living and FoodWise programs.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Required:

- Bachelor’s degree in a field relevant to the programmatic responsibilities of the position;
- Work experience relevant to the programmatic responsibilities of the position;
- Strong interpersonal and problem solving skills;
- Demonstrated ability to build and maintain professional work environments;
- Ability to communicate effectively using a variety of methods and technology;
- Experience managing multiple tasks, timelines, and schedules while maintaining high quality work; and
- Ability to effectively work with people from different cultural backgrounds, including those associated with race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, socioeconomic status, age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, and other aspects of human diversity.

Preferred:

- A Master's degree in a field relevant to the programmatic responsibilities of the position;
- **At least 3** years of relevant field and work experience in the area of programming and service delivery.
- Demonstrated skill in interpreting, utilizing, and applying evidence-based information and research findings;
- Experience with budget development and fiscal management;
- Bilingual, especially with fluency in both English and Spanish;
- Demonstrated success in developing, delivering, and evaluating educational programs for diverse audiences utilizing a variety of educational techniques, methods, and modes; and
- Demonstrated experience developing effective partnerships or coalitions with community partners and local governments.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

- Expected to make individual arrangements for transportation adequate to meet position responsibilities and essential job functions;
- Work evenings or weekends as needed to meet local needs; and
- Carrying educational equipment, up to 25 lbs.
- Participate in low impact physical activity exercises, dependent on local program delivery.

SALARY AND BENEFITS:

This is a full-time (1.0 FTE) academic staff position. Final salary is commensurate with experience and education. State of Wisconsin benefits including retirement, vacation, sick leave, health insurance, and other insurances. For a more detailed description of available benefits, please see <https://www.wisconsin.edu/ohrwd/benefits/>.

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:

This position is a fixed-term renewable [academic staff appointment](#) in the University of Wisconsin-Extension's division of Cooperative Extension. Reappointment to this position after the initial term is dependent upon performance and availability of funding.

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION:

UW-Madison, Division of Extension is the educational resource that helps the Wisconsin Idea become reality. Valuing leadership, relationship-building, and inclusion; UW-Madison, Division of Extension teaches, learns, leads, and serves the people of Wisconsin by connecting them with the University of Wisconsin research and resources. Extension engages with communities across Wisconsin to influence their lives beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants are required to apply online. UW-Madison, Division of Extension will not consider paper, emailed or faxed applications. Online application, with all required documents, must be received by **DATE**.

Required application materials:

- A letter of application that addresses how your education and experience meet all of the required qualifications for the position;
- Professional resume that includes degree information;
- Transcripts; and
- Names and contact information (e-mail address, phone number, and mailing address) of at least three references.

For questions regarding this position, please contact **ASU inserts a name**. For technical questions or assistance, please contact UW Service Center at (888) 298-4159. For all other questions please contact hrstaff@uwex.uwc.edu.

June 11th, 2019 - Staff Report

Bob Micheel - County Conservationist

LCD Business:

- Western Area Training/Tour – Scheduled for Tuesday, July 23rd (Handout)
- Invasive Species Working Group – Half day training for landowners in Monroe County at Fort McCoy is set for June 13th. (Handout)
- Budget Update – Joint Finance Committee slashed the Governor’s budget for Land Conservation. Reduction of staffing grant from the proposed 12.4 to 9.4 million per year; which equates to an increase of \$475,000 over the next two years. Leaders are encouraged to provide testimony in person at the hearing in La Crosse on June 13th or contact your representative & or write letters. (Handout)
- PL566 Dams – Extension signed to complete repairs on the Peterson and Baltz dams by August 12th. Vernon County is schedule to mow three of the dams in June. NRCS Engineer completed inspection of the tri-creek dam.
- Tri-Creek – Met with Emergency Mgt. and Dispatch to create a contact tree chart during *potential* and *eminent* flood threat to the Village of Norwalk and residents below the dam. Plan to setup meeting this summer to meet at dam site and review protocol for contacts, ID inspection point and assist Norwalk with any concerns.
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) – Tori & I are conducting inspection of perpetual easements, specifically ones that have expired 15 year FSA agreements.
- Groundwater/Private Well Sampling – Working with the Health Department to develop a baseline of groundwater quality through private well testing. Pursuing funding this year that would be used in 2020 to fund (home-owners/metals package) water quality sampling throughout Monroe County.
- Department Head Meeting – Scheduled once a month, the day after the County Bd. Meeting. Structured agenda provides topics & presentations with minutes outlining decisions and discussion.
- CWD Task Force – Next Summit scheduled for August 17th. Need political participation for state buy in to fully understand the implications of CWD.

Meeting Schedule:

- June 12th – Coon Creek Watershed Meeting – Viroqua
- June 13th – Invasive Species Field Day – Fort McCoy
- June 18th – KVR Flood Recovery Meeting
- June 22nd – Oak Brook TU – LUNKERS day in Sparta
- July 1st – Monroe County Stewardship Awards Committee
- July 9th – Natural Resource & Extension Committee

June 11, 2019-- Soil & Water Conservationist's Report

Bryce Richardson

- **Activities**

- Continuing designs, bidding and permitting for 2019 construction.
- Presented on fisheries/LUNKERS at Sparta High followed by assisting them build LUNKERS for 2019 construction.
- DNR stream shocking with Sparta High. Discussed electrofishing, habitat and phosphorus trading.
- Marked boundaries for CREP participants.
- Took our 2019 intern (Tori Hanson) out on projects and taught basic survey techniques.

Christina Mulder

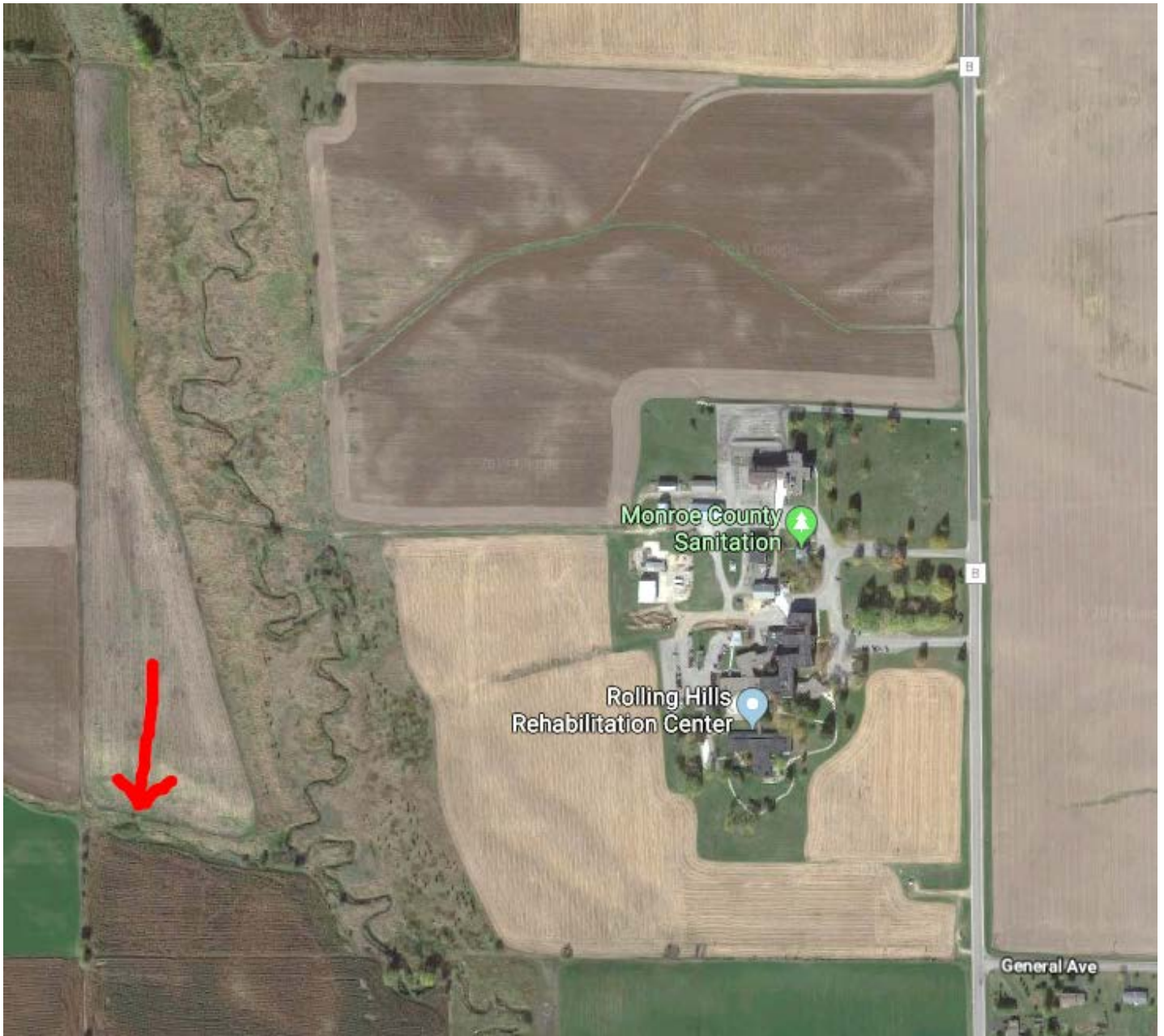
- **Activities**

- Completed construction on a stream restoration project on Brush Creek in Jefferson Township. 300' of riprap repairs due to flooding damage in 2018.
- Began construction on a grassed waterway in Greenfield Township. Site has been too wet to get back out and finish the project.
- Attended the DNR Electroshock on Beaver Creek. This was a demonstration for the Sparta High School Fish & Wildlife Class.
- Hosted an educational booth at the Monroe County Dairy Breakfast.
- Spoke to the Sparta High School ag class about using a GPS unit in the conservation world with Jeremiah Erickson from the Land Information Office.
- Hosted an education booth regarding invasive species at the Sparta School Forest on Saturday, June 8th for families of the Sparta Area School District and Tilling Thyme Garden Club.

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June 11, 2019-- Soil & Water Conservationist's Report

- Placed the Snapshot Wisconsin Trail Camera at the Rolling Hills County Farm. It is placed 3.5' up on a tree trunk near a tributary to Beaver Creek. DNR will use photos from the camera to help with species population models and species locations. See arrow below for camera location.



June 2019 – Land Use Planner’s Report

Roxie Anderson

Activities:

- Tri-Creek Plan – GIS Project / Map templates started. The next meeting will be July 11th.
- Comprehensive Plans – I have been attending and setting up visits to Town Board meetings. I have also been receiving requests to research regulations and ordinances. Summary of activities is provided:
 - Attended Town Board meetings in Towns of Sheldon, Glendale, Jefferson and Portland.
 - Attended Wisconsin Towns Association workshop and Monroe County Unit meeting.
 - Set up meetings with Towns of Oakdale, Wells, and Wellington.
 - Followed up with Town of Little Falls on request to research private / green burial regulations.
 - Followed up with Town of Sheldon on request for information on fire station construction grant funding opportunities.
 - Received request to research mobile tower siting regulation and attend meeting for Town of Jefferson to answer Board questions.
 - Received request to research “junk” nuisance ordinance for Town of Portland.
- Grant Funding Research – Submitted NRCS grant application on May 17th, requesting \$200,000 over the next 5 years to establish an intern program and provide partial funding for Land Use Planner.
- County Draft Mining Ordinance – review draft ordinance and familiarize myself with DNR regulations for mining reclamation plans. Confer with Bryce Richardson on draft ordinance and submit comments to Alison Eliot for consideration. Provide mining ordinance updates to Towns of Ridgeville and Little Falls as requested.
- Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Met with David Bonifas, Senior Planner with Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission to review requirements for Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Land Conservation department will provide verbiage on the history of PL566 dams and develop a list of potential mitigation projects to address flooding and heat/climate change issues to include in plan.

Meetings / Trainings:

- May 23 – Electro-Fishing Demonstration by DNR
- June 5 –Jefferson Town Board meeting – report on mobile tower siting
- June 5 – Portland Town Board meeting – introduction and report on “junk” nuisance ordinance
- June 10 – Oakdale Town Board meeting - introduction
- June 11 – Land Information Council
- June 12 – MRRPC Bimonthly meeting and Regional Economic Diversification Summit
- June 13 – Monroe County Invasive Species Field Day
- June 18 – Wells Town Board meeting - introduction

Forestry & Parks Report (June) – Ziegler

Forestry:

- Sale 154 near completion, Town of New Lyme
- CWD Task Force Meeting
- Forest Road Inspection- Town of Grant
- Youth Education: Sparta High School – Agriculture/Natural Resources Class
- WCFA Conference Call

Parks:

- Electric Project Complete
- Additional electric upgrades
- Wagner Grotto Clean up
- Department Head Meeting
- County Administrator Tour

Snowmobile:

- Maintenance Approvals