

Monroe County Land Conservation, Forestry & Parks Committee Minutes

Date and Place:

Tuesday September 15, 2015 at the Monroe County Ag Services Center, Sparta, WI

Call to Order:

Chairman Chapman called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. Present were: J Rasmussen; D Wegner; N VanWyche; B. Micheel, LCD; B. Richardson, LCD; J Wilk, LCD; C Ziegler, Monroe Co. Forestry; C. Walroth DNR; **Olson absent.**

Minutes Approval 6/16/15 meeting:

Motion by Van Wyche, second by Wegner to approve the August 18th minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Public Comment Period:

None

Review Land Conservation Bills:

Micheel reviewed monthly bills.

Conservation Aids- Program Resolution:

Micheel explained the Conservation Aids Program and proposed a 2016 project with the City of Sparta. Project will be the construction of a rock weir on the Lacrosse River at the end of K Street.

Motion by Van Wyche, second by Rasmussen to approve the Conservation Aids Program resolution as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.

County Conservationist Report:

Micheel reported on:

Farmland Preservation Applications (700+ acres) forwarded to Madison. The period for applying for new Ag Enterprise Areas is currently open.

Streambank stabilization & habitat work is being completed on the La Crosse River in the city of Sparta, which is part of the P-Trading plan with the municipality.

Contractor working on the Neal Green stream restoration project and the Manure Storage Closure for David Peterson is completed.

PL 566 Dams have been mowed.

Water quality educational programs with the Sparta STEM class and an upcoming Garden Club meeting this week.

Phones will be updated soon.

Soil and Water Conservationist Report:

Wilk and Richardson discussed completed and ongoing projects.

Cost Share Approvals:

Nutrient Management Cost Sharing in the amount of \$6,104 for Michael Wacker, David Wacker and Richard Smith.

Dam Repair for Harvey Menn

Motion by Rasmussen, Second by VanWychen to approve the above cost shared projects. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Staff and Supervisor Open Discussion:

None

NRCS Report:

None

DNR Private Lands Report:

Walroth reported on completion of CRP forestry plans in the county and softening of pulpwood prices.

Forestry & Parks:

Ziegler reported that things are going well at McMullen Park. Cranfest is the last full weekend of the month; after Cranfest is over park staff will begin the fall shut down tasks.

There is one active timber sale on the county forest; sale 139. A firewood cutter is cleaning up and treating an oak wilt pocket in the Town of New Lyme. Ziegler has been performing field recon and updating wisfirs and timber sale set up.

Land Use Agreement ATC:

No new information at this time.

Review Forestry & Park Bills:

Ziegler reviewed the past months bills.

Set next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be on October 20, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the Monroe County Ag Services Center.

Adjourn:

Motion by Van Wychen, second by Rasmussen to adjourn at 9:08 a.m. Motion carried 4-0-1.