

Monroe County Land Conservation, Forestry & Parks Committee Minutes

Date and Place:

Tuesday November 17, 2015 at the Monroe County Ag Services Center, Sparta, WI

Call to Order:

Chairman Chapman called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Present were: J Rasmussen; D Wegner; N VanWychen; B. Micheel, LCD; B. Richardson, LCD; J Wilk, LCD; C Ziegler, Monroe Co. Forestry; C. Walroth DNR; M Komiskey NRCS; R Schneider DNR; **Olson absent.**

Minutes Approval 10/20/15 meeting:

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Wegner to approve the October 20th minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Public Comment Period:

None

Review Land Conservation Bills:

Micheel reviewed monthly bills.

Credit Card Approval:

Micheel explained the need for a County issued credit card, with a credit limit of \$1000.

Motion by Van Wychen, second by Ramussen to approve the credit card request resolution as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Tri-Creek Dam Repair:

Micheel reported the gate valve that was frozen for years on the tri-creek dam was repaired in half the time/cost projected. Total cost for J.F. Brennan to repair gate valve and complete the inspection in one day \$4,375.00. Gate valve now opens and closes as planned.

One item J. F. Brennan inspectors found that should be repaired in the near future is the stem guide bearings; which stabilize the connection from the wheel to the actual gate in the bottom of the riser. Micheel is waiting for the projected cost of additional repair and will update the LCC when received.

County Conservationist Report:

Micheel reported on:

Construction completed on the Bill Wedepful stream project. The Larry Hoeft dam repair project is on-going.

Ft McCoy is interested in Adaptive Management, potential phosphorous trading with landowners in Tarr Valley.

3 Farmland Preservation applications processed from the (AEA) SE Headwaters of Monroe County.

The Mississippi Valley Conservancy signed a Conservation Easement with John Dubros in Black Valley (Wellington Township). John is also working with the LCD restoring Poe Creek that runs through his property, plan for 2016 construction.

Micheel provided an updated resource contact list to the LCC along with the notice to be mailed out to landowners in the 2016 AEA (Scenic Ridge and Valley); which includes the townships of Wells, Jefferson and Portland.

Soil and Water Conservationist Report:

Wilk and Richardson discussed completed and ongoing projects.

Cost Share Approvals:

Charlie Weyer - Heavy Use Protection and Gutters

Travis Brooks - Streambank Riprap

Ron Krueger - Grassed Waterway

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

Staff and Supervisor Open Discussion:

Munis training offered for users on the new software upgrade.

NRCS Report:

Komiskey reported on CSP contract renewals, Cover Crop and Honey Bee signup and upcoming CRP sign up.

DNR Private Lands Report:

Walroth reported on FCL and MFL acres in Monroe County, DMAP meetings and miscellaneous training events.

Forestry & Parks:

Park workers have been mulching leaves, cutting firewood and replacing the counters in the fish cleaning station.

There is one active timber sale on the county forest; sale 139. The gun deer season is coming up this weekend; Ziegler had one request for ATV access from a disabled hunter and is fielding calls regarding gate closures for the hunting season. Ziegler reported that a neighbor to the county forest in the Town of Byron had dredged Mulsonia Creek across county forest land. Ziegler met with the landowner; showed the boundaries and told them not to disturb any county forest land. The DNR was notified by the public and is looking into the situation further.

Approve Forest Administrator Negotiating 5 acre salvage sale:

Ziegler explained that there may be an opportunity to salvage the 5 acres of burned timber in the Town of Lincoln and that it may be a way to recover some of the lost timber value. The person who was issued the citation for lighting the fire has a court trial on December 1.

**Motion by VanWychen, second by Wegner to have the County Forest Administrator negotiate the terms for the salvage sale if an opportunity occurs.
Motion carried 4-0-1.**

Review Forestry & Park Bills:

Ziegler reviewed the past months bills.

Set next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be on December 15, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the Monroe County Ag Services Center.

Adjourn:

Motion by Wegner, Second by Van Wychen to adjourn at 9:12 a.m. Motion carried 4-0-1.