

MONROE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE & PLACE:

January 19, 2010, at the Monroe County Ag Services Center, Sparta, WI.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Carrol Wallerman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Present were Wallerman, Schroeder, McTaggart, Radke, Hoff, LCD; Richardson, LCD; Micheel, LCD; Modjeski, DNR; Walroth, DNR; Wheeler, NRCS; Peterson, USDA Wildlife Services; Larry Revels. Wagner was absent.

READING OR DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion by Schroeder, second by Mc Taggart to approve the December 15, 2009 minutes as printed. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Hoff reviewed the monthly bills.

Motion by Radke, second by Schroeder to pay the bills in the amount of \$7,337.62. Motion carried.

WILDLIFE DAMAGE PROGRAM ISSUES:

- *program overview* – Peterson gave the committee an overview of the Wildlife Damage and Abatement Program and how it works in Monroe County. He reviewed the responsibilities of USDA, Monroe County, and the DNR.

- *approve 2009 damage claims* – Peterson presented the following 2009 Wildlife Damage claims for Monroe County:

1. **Larry Hanson** – Mr. Hanson is eligible for a payable claim of \$2,040.08. The claim is for bear damage to bee hives. Hanson met all program requirements and agency staff recommend payment of this claim
2. **Arlen Stello** – Mr. Stello has damage claims in Monroe, La Crosse, and Jackson counties. He is eligible for a payable claim of \$2,196.72 in Monroe County. The claim is for deer damage to corn and soybeans. Stello met all program requirements and agency staff recommend payment of this claim.
3. **Robert Sutton** – Mr. Sutton is eligible for a payable claim of \$656.45 for deer damage to corn and soybeans. Sutton did not meet the harvest requirement for the ag damage tags. This is the second year in a row that he has not met this requirement, so agency staff recommend that this claim be denied.

Motion by Mc Taggart, second by Radke to approve wildlife damage claim payments for Larry Hanson and Arlen Stello, and deny the claim for Robert Sutton. Motion carried.

Program rules allow Sutton to appeal the LCC denial. Wildlife Services will contact Sutton to explain his right to appeal.

STAFF REPORTS:

Richardson reported on the Lake Tomah rehabilitation project. Approximately 40 trees were transported from the Town of Adrian to be used for habitat improvement in Lake Tomah. Riprap is currently being placed on the shorelines and along the islands.

Richardson reported on the status of the 2010 nonmetallic fees and preparation for the 2010 construction season.

Micheel discussed ongoing projects for Robert Braun and Simon Wells. He discussed progress being made on working with realtors on disclosing the status of manure storage structures that are located on lands that are for sale. Micheel is working with the City of Sparta on placing more trees in Perch Lake for habitat improvement. He said he is working with about 30 landowners on 2010 projects.

DISCUSS/APPROVE OFFICE LEASE:

Hoff informed the committee that the Farm Services Agency (FSA) could no longer include county agencies on their leases. In the past FSA has paid the landlord and the counties have reimbursed FSA. Counties will now need a separate lease with the landlord and pay them directly.

The landlord (Merkel Companies) has not yet provided Monroe County with a lease, so this item will be discussed at the February meeting.

DNR REPORT:

Walroth discussed the Learn About the Land programs being conducted by DNR. She also informed the committee about a biomass harvesting demo being held by Lambert Forest Products.

NRCS REPORT:

Wheeler reported on the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) signup being held January 19 - February 19. He also said he expects a separate signup for organic producers later this spring. Wheeler said 7 Monroe County producers signed up for the Conservation Stewardship Program.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next regular LCC meeting was scheduled for Tuesday February 16, 2010, at 8:30 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR LiDAR ACQUISITION:

LCC chair Wallerman opened the public hearing at 9:30 a.m. Present were Carrol Wallerman, Jim Schroeder, Julie Radke, Larry McTaggart, Bob Micheel, Bryce Richardson, Al Hoff, Larry Revels, Matt Modjeski, Christine Walroth, and Greg Wheeler.

Hoff gave a background on the CDBG application and the requirement for a public hearing. The following items were discussed:

1. **Identification of total potential funds.** Hoff said initial information sent to counties said that a minimum of 1.5 million would be available for this grant. Hoff said it is likely that more money than this would be allocated. The application from Monroe County is for a total of \$358,390.
2. **Eligible CDBG activities.** This is a supplemental disaster allocation. The only eligible activity is the acquisition of LiDAR elevation data.
3. **CDBG application process.** CDBG applications were due at the Wisconsin Department of Commerce by December 4. Awards will likely be made by the middle of February.
4. **Identification of flood recovery needs.** Monroe County was one of 31 counties declared as a disaster area by FEMA following the August 2008 flooding. Damage in Monroe County was to agricultural crops, roads and infrastructure. The 31 counties declared disaster areas are all eligible to apply for this supplemental allocation.
5. **Identification of housing and community development needs.** Julie Radke informed the group about a housing study that was completed for Monroe County. It was noted that affordable housing is an issue in Monroe County. This supplemental grant does not address housing needs.

6. **Activities proposed for CDBG application.** This application is for LiDAR acquisition only. If the award is granted, the acquisition process would begin in the spring of 2010. It is not known when the product would be delivered. LiDAR data would be used by county, state and federal agencies, as well as private individuals and companies. The eventual intent is to use the LiDAR data to increase the accuracy of floodplain maps. Floodplain map updates are funded by FEMA.
7. **Citizen input regarding CDBG activities.** Those present talked about the benefits of acquiring this data. Hoff said that he has not received any calls from the public regarding this grant.

The public hearing closed at 10:10 a.m.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Radke, second by McTaggart to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried.

Al Hoff, recorder

MONROE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE & PLACE:

February 16, 2010, at the Monroe County Ag Services Center, Sparta, WI.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Carrol Wallerman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Present were Wallerman, Schroeder, McTaggart, Radke, Wagner, Hoff, LCD; Richardson, LCD; Micheel, LCD; Walroth, DNR.

READING OR DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion by Mc Taggart, second by Schroeder to approve the January 19, 2010 minutes as printed. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Hoff reviewed the monthly bills.

Motion by Wagner, second by Radke to pay the bills in the amount of \$3,399.58. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Richardson discussed the Lake Tomah rehabilitation project. Riprap is being placed along islands in the lake. Forty-five trees have been placed near the shorelines for fish habitat improvement. The lake will be filled next spring and fish will be stocked.

Richardson reported that all 2010 nonmetallic mining reclamation fees have been paid by the operators. Monroe County has 26 active quarries with 305 unreclaimed acres.

Micheel reported on riprap being placed in Perch Lake for habitat improvement purposes. He is still working with realtors on the issue of disclosing abandoned manure storage structures on land transfers. Micheel discussed a biomass demonstration recently held at Flora Dell.

Hoff reported that Robert Sutton did not appeal the decision of the LCC to deny his wildlife damage claim. Hoff passed out a summary of the venison donation program in Wisconsin. Monroe County hunters donated 38 deer in 2009, down from 141 in 2008.

Hoff informed the committee that the Jersey Valley watershed in Monroe and Vernon counties was selected as a Discovery Farms project. The project will monitor runoff from farms in the watershed. A community meeting will be held on March 10 in Cashton.

Hoff discussed a Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) easement that was recently signed with Susan Cooley on the Little LaCrosse River in Jefferson Township.

2010 COST-SHARE APPROVALS:

Hoff reported that Monroe County will be receiving \$5,301 in segregated funds from DATCP for 2010. These funds can be used for soft practices such as nutrient management plans. Hoff said Bill Pruess, Wilton Township needs a 590 plan for participation in the Farmland Preservation program.

Motion by Radke, second by Wagner to approve a cost-share contract for Bill Pruess for \$5,301 in state funds. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES:

Hoff reviewed the following legislative issues:

- **NR 151 Revision:** This proposed revision to Wisconsin's runoff rules would add new performance standards including the Phosphorus Index (PI) and a Tillage Setback. In addition, it would revise several existing performance standards and definitions.
- **Proposed Karst Legislation:** This proposed legislation would establish management areas in areas that are at risk of well contamination from land spread waste. The areas would be in five Lake Michigan counties, but other areas of the state could petition to be included. These areas are located in areas that have karst topography.
- **DNR Secretary:** An effort is currently underway to override the Governor's veto of legislation to return the appointment of the DNR Secretary to the DNR Board.
- **AB-530:** A bill being proposed by Representatives Radcliffe and Danou that would allow removal of land from the Managed Forest Law (MFL) without penalty if it is used for agricultural purposes.
- **SB-507:** This bill increases document recording fees to a \$25 flat fee and requires land records be available on the internet. It also requires counties to establish a Land Information Council. It would increase revenue to counties to use for land records modernization.

DNR REPORT:

Walroth reported on the Learn About the Land seminars being hosted by DNR. About 100 people attended the first 2 sessions. She passed around an article from the Cashton Record on Lee Running, the American Tree Farm award winner from Monroe County in 2009.

NRCS REPORT:

Wheeler was unavailable for the meeting. He left a written report for the committee.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next regular LCC meeting was scheduled for Tuesday March 16, 2010, at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Mc Taggart, second by Wagner to adjourn at 10:05 a.m. Motion carried.

Al Hoff, recorder

MONROE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE & PLACE:

March 16, 2010, at the Monroe County Ag Services Center, Sparta, WI.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Carrol Wallerman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Present were Wallerman, Schroeder, McTaggart, Radke, Wagner, Hoff, LCD; Richardson, LCD; Walroth, DNR; Modjeski, DNR; Little, DNR; Wheeler, NRCS; Mulder, FSA; Dennis Frame and Amber Radatz, Discovery Farms; Todd Stuntebeck and Matt Komiskey, USGS; Gene Degenhardt, Larry Revels.

READING OR DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion by Radke, second by Mc Taggart to approve the February 16, 2010 minutes as printed. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

There were no bills for this month.

WATER QUALITY MONITORING PRESENTATION:

Matt Komiskey showed a PowerPoint presentation on water quality monitoring procedures used for Discovery Farms projects. For the Jersey Valley project, several monitoring stations will be set up on the edge-of-fields and in-stream for the purpose of collecting runoff data for nutrients and suspended solids. The project will last for approximately 8 years, which allows for data collection and comparisons for varies weather conditions and farming practices. Runoff from the Village of Cashton and from woodlands will also be analyzed.

Dennis Frame and Amber Radatz discussed meetings that have already been held with watershed landowners in Monroe and Vernon Counties. They said landowner cooperation has been excellent so far.

LiDAR GRANT:

Hoff said that Monroe County was one of 13 counties to receive LiDAR data acquisition grants from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Emergency Assistance Program. The grant for Monroe County is for \$358,390 and covers 100% of the cost of the data acquisition and an accuracy report needed to meet FEMA criteria. The grant requires that the collected data be made available in the public domain. The grant requires no tax levied dollars from Monroe County.

Hoff said Commerce requires a County Board resolution giving the County Board chair the authority to sign necessary documents on behalf of Monroe County.

Motion by McTaggart, second by Wagner to forward a resolution to the County Board for the purpose of giving the County Board chair the authority to sign documents relating to the CDBG. Motion carried unanimously.

NORWALK ROD & GUN CLUB LEASE AT TRI-CREEK SITE 1:

Hoff and Gene Degenhardt (Norwalk Rod & Gun Club president) discussed the background concerning the Norwalk Rod & Gun Club and it's location on the Tri-Creek Site 1 property. The club was originally located on land now occupied by the lake. When the dam was constructed in the mid 1970's, Monroe County granted the Club a 25 year easement to locate their facilities below the dam. The facilities consist of a clubhouse and 2 trap houses. The lease allowed for the option to renew the lease for another 25 years. Degenhardt said the Club is interested in

remodeling or rebuilding the current clubhouse. Hoff suggested the lease be extended for another 25 year period so the club can proceed with their plans. Hoff said the arrangement has worked excellent as the Club has always cooperated with the County on various projects concerning the Tri-Creek area. The County has a control panel mounted on an inside wall of the clubhouse that houses the emergency flood warning system for the dam. The flood warning system is mandated by DNR.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Wagner to extend the lease for the Norwalk Rod & Gun another 25 years. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Richardson reported on the Lake Tomah rehabilitation project. Approximately 3,000 yds³ of riprap were placed around the islands in the lake to prevent erosion. The lake will be refilled to within 3 ft. of normal elevation this spring.

Richardson reported on the Wisconsin Association of Land Conservation Employees annual professional improvement conference held in La Crosse on March 3-5.

A workshop for Monroe County conservation contractors is scheduled for April 7. Richardson invited interested LCC members to attend.

Richardson discussed 2 new nonmetallic mining reclamation applications. A hearing for the Dahl Earthworks sand quarry in Jefferson Township will be held at the April LCC meeting.

DNR REPORT:

Walroth reported on the Learn About the Land seminars being hosted by DNR. The sessions averaged about 45 attendees each. Tree seedlings from the DNR nursery will be delivered to Monroe County on April 15.

NRCS REPORT:

Wheeler reported that Zenic Crespo has been transferred to Chippewa County. He reported that the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is completed. Monroe County had about 50 applications for 60 projects. 15 contracts were approved for \$382,000. No funding has been released yet for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). A special signup for organic producers resulted in 5 signups in Monroe County.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next regular LCC meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2010, at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Wagner, second by Schroeder to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried.

Al Hoff, recorder

MONROE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE & PLACE:

April 19, 2010, at the Monroe County Ag Services Center, Sparta, WI.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Carrol Wallerman called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Present were Wallerman, Radke, Wagner, Hoff, LCD; Richardson, LCD; Micheel, LCD; Walroth, DNR; Wheeler, NRCS; Larry Revels. Schroeder and McTaggart were absent.

READING OR DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion by Wagner second by Radke to approve the March 16, 2010 minutes as printed. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Hoff reviewed the April vouchers.

Motion by Radke, second by Wagner to approve the bills in the amount of \$3,035.62. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Micheel reported on projects for Al Marx, Al Hehn, and Jeff Schmitz. He discussed school programs at Brookwood and Sparta schools. Classes at those schools will be constructing 30 LUNKERS to be used in stream restoration projects this summer in Monroe County.

Richardson discussed the Sparta Farm Day at Schauf Farms on May 5. Students from Sparta schools attend this event to learn about agriculture and conservation. Richardson said Lake Tomah is being filled. He reported on a workshop for conservation contractors sponsored by the LCD.

2010 COST-SHARE APPROVALS:

Richardson and Micheel discussed conservation projects for 2010.

Motion by Radke, second by Wagner to approve Land & Water contracts for the following landowners: Paul Wolf, Dale Ripp, Steve Huntzicker, Dave Noth, Dave Linnehan, Dave Colbert, Al Hehn, Larry Hoeft, Curt Hagen. Motion Carried.

NORWALK ROD & GUN CLUB LEASE AT TRI-CREEK SITE 1:

As discussed at the March LCC, Hoff prepared a new lease between the Norwalk Rod & Gun Club and Monroe County. Hoff said the Corporation Counsel has approved the lease. The committee reviewed the lease.

Motion by Radke, second by Wagner to proceed with the signing of the lease as presented. Motion carried.

CONSIDER NONMETALLIC MINING RECLAMATION PERMIT FOR DAHL EARTHWORKS:

Richardson presented information on a proposed sand quarry for Scott Dahl in Section 26 of Jefferson Township. This is a new mine. Post-mining use will be wildlife habitat. No conditional use permit is required since Jefferson is not zoned. Financial assurance will be \$4,500. LCD staff recommend approval of a nonmetallic mining reclamation permit for this site, as the requirements for the Monroe County Nonmetallic Mining ordinance have been met.

Motion by Wagner, second by Radke to approve a nonmetallic mining reclamation permit for Scott Dahl, contingent upon receiving proper financial assurance. Motion carried.

DNR REPORT:

Walroth reported on the Learn About the Land seminars being hosted by DNR. She reported that trees from the DNR nursery were delivered to Sparta last week.

NRCS REPORT:

Wheeler reported that Monroe County has 17 new contracts for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Two Monroe County landowners have signed organic contracts.

Wheeler discussed some of the new cost-share provisions in EQIP.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next regular LCC meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Wagner, second by Radke to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried.

Al Hoff, recorder

MONROE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE & PLACE:

May 18, 2010, at the Monroe County Ag Services Center, Sparta, WI.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gail Chapman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Present were Chapman, Hayden, Wagner, Schroeder, Kuhn, Hoff, LCD; Richardson, LCD; Micheel, LCD; Walroth, DNR; Wheeler, NRCS; Larry Revels, Rick Irwin.

Chairman Chapman appointed Jim Kuhn as vice-chair for the Land Conservation Committee.

INTRODUCTIONS/REVIEW OF LCC RESPONSIBILITIES:

Committee members and staff introduced themselves. Hoff passed out a summary of Land Conservation Committee responsibilities and reviewed some of the items on the list.

READING OR DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion by Wagner second by Schroeder to approve the April 19, 2010 minutes as printed. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Hoff reviewed the May vouchers.

Motion by Kuhn, second by Wagner to approve the bills in the amount of \$12,529.83. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Micheel discussed projects he is currently working on for Al Hehn, Al Marx, Larry Hoefft, Steve Hagen, and Jim Weiker. He informed the committee that DNR and DATCP have approved cost-sharing for 2 Notices of Discharge sites in Monroe County (Arndt and Martin). Bob reported on his activities with Sparta and Brookwood schools, which included working with ag classes to build LUNKER structures for stream improvement projects. He also did presentations for environmental classes in Sparta.

Richardson reported that he assisted with a field day for 4th grade students at Schauf Farms. He reported on projects he is working on for Dave Colbert, Karen Lydon, Ron Peterson, and Steve Huntzicker. He reported on activities associated with the Lake Tomah rehabilitation project and discussed the status of nonmetallic mining reclamation permits.

2010 COST-SHARE APPROVALS:

Richardson and Micheel discussed conservation projects for 2010. Hoff and Micheel explained the Notice of Discharge cost-sharing for Hugo Arndt and Dick Martin. DATCP will be approving cost-sharing in the amount of \$75,000 for the Martin project and \$40,000 for the Arndt project, both to address direct runoff to surface water. In addition, DNR will be providing \$2,688 for the Arndt project and \$1,148 for the Martin project, which will be used for nutrient management planning. These funds will be added to Monroe County grant contracts.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Hayden to approve Land & Water contracts for the following landowners: Ron Peterson, B&G Enterprises, Jeff Schmitz, Rudy Borntrgger, Rueben Borntrgger, Doug Fries Jr., Hugo Arndt, and Richard Martin. Motion Carried.

REPORT ON FAILURE OF COON CREEK 21:

Hoff gave a short history of the PL-566 program and Monroe County's responsibilities for 8

structures located in Monroe County. He then informed the committee of a failure at Coon Creek 31. The landowner (Dennis Mashak) noticed a hole washed out on the downstream side near the outlet pipe. He first noticed this in April. Hoff visited the site with NRCS Ag Engineer Mike Dreischmeier and DNR Watershed Management Engineer Gordon Stinson. The consensus at this point is that the pipe has a separation at the second joint, but more investigation will need to be completed. Hoff will update the committee at the next LCC meeting.



APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR LiDAR GRANT:

Hoff informed the committee that a budget adjustment will need to be made for the LiDAR grant from the Department of Commerce. Revenue and expenditure line items, each in the amount of \$358,390 will need to be created.

Motion by Kuhn, second by Schroeder to approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$358,390 for the LiDAR grant. Motion carried.

DISCUSS LAND & WATER PLAN REVISION:

Hoff discussed the history of Land and Water Resource Management planning. Monroe County's first plan was prepared in 2000 and revised in 2005. The plan must be revised again in 2010. Hoff passed out a draft plan to committee members, reviewed some of the plan requirements, and asked committee members to look through the plan and provide feedback at the June meeting.

DNR REPORT:

Walroth reported on the activities in the DNR forestry office, including following up on tree planting, education activities at the Sparta School Forest, and the Learn About the Land seminars.

NRCS REPORT:

Wheeler provided a background on the NRCS office and employees in Sparta. He discussed a field office appraisal scheduled for the Sparta office from June 21 to July 2. He told the committee NRCS will be assisting with an organic no-till demo on the Ed Knoll property on June 7. Wheeler discussed the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and he noted that NRCS has contracted with Monroe County landowners for \$450,000 in conservation work.

Wheeler reviewed the clauses in agreements between Monroe County and USDA concerning the commitment of both agencies to be equal opportunity providers and employers.

SET MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE:

Chapman asked committee members if they wished to maintain the current meeting schedule which is the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. It was the consensus to keep that schedule.

Because of conflicts with the 3rd Tuesday in June, the June meeting was scheduled for June 22 at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Schroeder, second by Kuhn to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Al Hoff, recorder

MONROE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE & PLACE:

June 22, 2010, at the Monroe County Ag Services Center, Sparta, WI.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gail Chapman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Present were Chapman, Hayden, Wagner, Kuhn, Hoff, LCD; Richardson, LCD; Micheel, LCD; Wheeler, NRCS; Brian Hillers, NRCS; Larry Revels, Stan Brownell. Schroeder entered the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL – 5/18/2010:

Motion by Wagner second by Kuhn to approve the May 18, 2010 minutes as printed. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Hoff reviewed the June vouchers.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Hayden to approve the bills in the amount of \$23,578.38. Motion carried.

REPORT ON CONSERVATION CONGRESS ANNUAL MEETING:

Hoff introduced Stan Brownell and gave a summary of the history of the partnership between the Monroe County LCC and the Monroe County Conservation Congress. Mr. Brownell is a member of the executive council of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress. He reported on the annual meeting of the Congress, held May 6-8 in Lake Geneva. Brownell, Roger Greenwood, and Maurice Amundson attended from Monroe County. Brownell reviewed the committee assignments for District 6, of which Monroe County is a member. He reported on issues of interest at the meeting including an alternative to earn-a-buck, the history of the attempt to return the appointment of the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board, the use of Pittman-Robertson funds in Wisconsin, and the recent decision by DNR to partner with the Humane Society on public service announcements.

STAFF REPORTS:

Richardson reported on projects he is working on for Dave Noth, Steve Huntzicker, and B&G Enterprises. He reported on results of the recently completed transect survey of the county, completed annually for the purpose of assessing soil loss rates on cropland. Richardson reported that fish will be re-stocked in Lake Tomah beginning this fall. He also reported that water clarity in Lake Tomah has improved considerably since the rehabilitation project was completed.

Richardson informed the committee that nonmetallic mining reclamation plans for Andy Burkhalter and the Kraemer Company will be brought to the LCC in July.

Micheel discussed projects he is working on for Larry Hoefl, Curt Hagen, Susan Cooley, Ron Drews, Hugo Arndt, and Richard Martin. He reported on a school program for students that was held at Perch Lake. He reported that the Sparta FFA class constructed 20 fish habitat structures for the Simon Wells streambank improvement project.

2010 COST-SHARE APPROVALS:

Micheel explained the Ron Drews manure storage closure project.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Wagner to approve a Land & Water contract for Ron Drews. Motion Carried.

REPORT ON FAILURE OF COON CREEK 31:

Hoff handed out a report on Coon Creek 31 that was completed by Scott Mueller, Assistant State Conservation Engineer for USDA-NRCS in Wisconsin. He believes that the 2nd joint is separated and is the source of the problem. His estimate to repair the problem is \$5,200. Hoff and Gordon Stinson, DNR Watershed Management Engineer visited the site last week. They estimate a 5ö gap at this joint.

Hoff reviewed Monroe County's responsibility to operate and maintain the PL-566 structures.

APPROVE FARMLAND PRESERVATION APPLICATION (PARRISH):

Hoff reviewed the history of the Farmland Preservation Program and the recently enacted WI Act 374. This act requires DATCP to process Farmland Preservation agreement applications that were submitted to county clerks between January 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. Monroe County has 1 application that was not approved during this time period (Terry and Linda Parrish, Clifton Township). The application was not approved when it was originally submitted because of the passage of the Working Lands legislation which eliminated DATCP's authority to sign new Farmland Preservation agreements. ACT 374 now requires DATCP to sign those agreements that were submitted prior to passage of the Working Lands legislation if the landowner is still interested.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Hayden to approve a Farmland Preservation agreement for Terry and Linda Parrish and to forward a resolution to County Board for approval. Motion carried.

DISCUSS LAND & WATER PLAN REVISION:

Hoff asked the committee for comments they had on the draft Land and Water plan. The committee discussed some of the statistics in the plan, as well as issues in Monroe County. Hoff will complete the plan revision, taking into account agency and citizen comments.

APPROVE OFFICE LEASE:

Hoff reviewed the history of the office rental agreement between USDA-Farm Services Agency and the Monroe County Land Conservation Committee. The previous agreement ended October 1, 2009. USDA informed all counties at that time that they could no longer be a part of the reimbursable agreement with USDA. That meant counties would need a separate lease agreement with their landlord. The landlord, Badger Housing waited until the lease agreement with USDA was completed so that the same rates and agreement terms could be offered to Monroe County. Hoff said that the agreement has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel and the County Administrator and that issues noted by Corporation Counsel have been addressed. This is a 5 year lease with a 120 day opt-out clause.

Motion by Wagner, second by Schroeder to approve the office lease with Badger Housing and have the Monroe County Administrator sign the lease on behalf of Monroe County. Motion carried.

DNR REPORT:

No DNR staff were present.

NRCS REPORT:

Wheeler introduced Brian Hillers, Area Resource Conservationist for NRCS who is participating in a review of the operations at the Sparta Field office. Wheeler told the committee about an upcoming tour of the Coon Creek Watershed and invited them to attend. He passed out and reviewed a summary of the Conservation Effects Assessment Program, which gives an assessment

of conservation progress in the Upper Mississippi Basin.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next LCC meeting was scheduled for July 20, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION PER WI STATS 19.85(1)(c) TO CONDUCT ANNUAL EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:

Motion by Wagner, second by Hayden to enter into closed session. Approved by roll call vote, all 5 supervisors voting yes.

Closed session per WI Stats 19.85(1) (c) to conduct annual employee performance evaluation of County Conservationist.

Roll call vote to return to open session with all 5 supervisors voting yes.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Kuhn, second by Schroeder to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried.

Al Hoff, recorder

MONROE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE & PLACE:

July 20, 2010, at the Monroe County Ag Services Center, Sparta, WI.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gail Chapman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Present were Chapman, Hayden, Wagner, Kuhn, Schroeder; Hoff, LCD; Richardson, LCD; Micheel, LCD; Wheeler, NRCS; Walroth, DNR; Larry Revels, 2 staff members from Kraemer Company.

MINUTES APPROVAL – 6/22/2010:

Motion by Hayden second by Wagner to approve the June 22, 2010 minutes as printed. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Hoff reviewed the July vouchers.

Motion by Kuhn, second by Hayden to approve the bills in the amount of \$7,077.29. Motion carried.

CONSIDER NONMETALLIC MINING RECLAMATION PLANS:

1. *Bjornstad Quarry – Kraemer Co., operator.* Richardson gave a brief history of the Bjornstad Quarry, located in Section 35 of Portland Township. The Kraemer Company is proposing to re-open a limestone quarry at this inactive site. The planned post-mining land use is wildlife habitat. Active acres for 2010 will be 7 acres. Financial assurance will be \$19,856. Monroe County staff recommends approval of this application. Representatives from Kraemer Company answered questions from the committee.

Motion by Wagner, second by Schroeder to approve a nonmetallic mining reclamation permit for the Kraemer Company to mine the Bjornstad Quarry. Motion carried.

2. *Burkhalter Sand Pit, Andy Burkhalter, operator.* Richardson reviewed the application from Andy Burkhalter to operate a sand quarry on his property in Section 25 of Wilton Township. Active acres for 2010 will be 2 acres and the financial assurance will be \$1,000. Monroe County staff recommends approval of this application.

Motion by Hayden, second by Kuhn to approve a nonmetallic mining reclamation permit for Andy Burkhalter to operate a sand quarry as stated in the application. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Richardson reported on projects he is working on for Dave Noth, Steve Huntzicker, Dave Linnehan, and B&G Enterprises.

Richardson informed the committee that another nonmetallic mining permit application would be considered in August or September.

Micheel discussed projects he is working on for Simon Wells, Susan Cooley, John Goodman, Glen Muehlenkamp, Rick VonRuden, City of Sparta, Dick Martin, and Hugo Arndt.

2010 COST-SHARE APPROVALS:

Micheel explained the Ivan Helmuth streambank improvement project...

*Motion by Kuhn, second by Wagner to approve a Land & Water contract for Ivan Helmuth.
Motion Carried.*

APPROVE LINE ITEM TRANSFER:

Hoff reviewed the need for a line item transfer to cover the extra 3 months in the office lease (for 2010 only) because of the switch to a calendar year payment schedule from a federal fiscal year payment schedule. The deficit in the rent line item is \$5,366.25.

*Motion by Wagner, second by Hayden to approve line item transfers of \$2,500 from the Motor Vehicle Operations line and \$2,866.25 from the Env., Const., & Prot. line to the rent/lease line.
Motion carried.*

DNR REPORT:

Walroth discussed the 2010 tree planting in Monroe County and changes to the Managed Forest Law program. She answered questions on gypsy moth control and oak wilt.

NRCS REPORT:

Wheeler handed out and discussed a brochure describing conservation programs and practices available through NRCS.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next LCC meeting was scheduled for August 17, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. A public hearing on the Monroe County Land and Water Resource Management Plan will be held at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Kuhn, second by Hayden to adjourn at 9:20 a.m. Motion carried.

Al Hoff, recorder

MONROE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE & PLACE:

August 17, 2010, at the Monroe County Ag Services Center, Sparta, WI.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gail Chapman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Present were Chapman, Hayden, Wagner, Kuhn, Schroeder; Hoff, LCD; Richardson, LCD; Micheel, LCD; Wheeler, NRCS; Walroth, DNR; Larry Revels; John Brady; Steve Dietzman.

MINUTES APPROVAL – 7/20/2010:

Motion by Kuhn second by Wagner to approve the July 20, 2010 minutes as printed. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Hoff reviewed the July vouchers.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Hayden to approve the bills in the amount of \$11,535.15. Motion carried.

CONSIDER NONMETALLIC MINING RECLAMATION PLAN:

1. Dietzman Sand Quarry – SBD Mgmt. Inc., owner. Richardson passed out a summary of the proposed Dietzman Sand Pit. This is a new mine in Section 1 of Tomah Township. The reclamation plan requires sloping of banks to surface water at 6:1 or flatter. Stockpiles will be removed or leveled. No soil is to be spread in wetlands. Post-mining land use will be wildlife ponds/habitat. The initial financial assurance amount will be \$12,000. Hayden asked for clarification on the assurance amount.

Brady asked for clarification on stockpiles. Dietzman explained the purpose of the quarry.

Motion by Hayden, second by Wagner to approve a nonmetallic mining reclamation permit for SBD Management Inc. for the Dietzman Sand Pit. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Richardson reported on the Lake Tomah rehabilitation project. The lake will be refilled beginning August 30. Fish will be re-stocked in September. Desirable plants are re-establishing in the lake. At this point there are lots of positives with the rehab project. Richardson is also working on projects with landowners in the Lake Tomah watershed.

Micheel discussed projects he is working on for Susan Cooley, Glen Muehlenkamp, Rick VonRuden, City of Sparta, Dick Martin, and Hugo Arndt, Jim Weiker, Jeff Schmitz, and Larry Revels.

2010 COST-SHARE APPROVALS:

Richardson reviewed proposed projects for Steve Broemer and Terry Christen.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Kuhn to approve Land & Water contracts for Steve Broemer and Terry Christen. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON LAND AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN – 9:00a.m.:

Chapman opened the public hearing on the 2010 revision of the Monroe County Land and Water Resource Management plan. Present were Land Conservation committee members Gail Chapman, Dave Wagner, Jim Kuhn, Jim Schroeder, and Adam Hayden, Monroe County LCD

staff members Al Hoff and Bryce Richardson, NRCS District Conservationist Greg Wheeler, DNR forester Christine Walroth, and Larry Revels.

Hoff said the hearing was publicly noticed in the county newspapers. Hoff then reviewed the state statutes pertaining to Land and Water plans, reasons for the plan, and summarized the contents of the plan. He noted that the plan was reviewed by cooperating agency staff and selected citizens. The plan is scheduled for presentation and the Land and Water Conservation Board in October. It would then need to be approved by the Monroe County Board in November.

Motion by Hayden, second by Kuhn to approve the Monroe County Land and Water Resource Management Plan and send it to the Land and Water Board for approval.

CONSIDER BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR COON CREEK 31 REPAIR:

Hoff reviewed the damage to the Coon Creek 31 dam and the need to get it repaired. Monroe County has received \$5,775 in unbudgeted revenue from NRCS in 2010 as part of a contribution agreement with USDA. Hoff is proposing a budget adjustment to allow these funds to be used to repair Coon Creek 31. Combined with budgeted maintenance funds, this would provide about \$8,000 to repair the dam this year. The other option is to budget for the repair in the 2011 budget.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Hayden to approve a budget adjusted for \$5,775 from NRCS contribution revenue to Watershed Maintenance expense. Motion carried.

WILDLIFE DAMAGE PROGRAM BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR VENISON DONATION:

Hoff explained the venison donation program. The program allows hunters to donate venison to food pantries. The processing cost is paid for by the Wildlife Damage program. The program will be offered again this, but a budget adjustment with DNR is needed because it was not included in the initial budget.

Motion by Wagner, second by Schroeder to participate in the venison donation program and to complete a budget adjustment with DNR for \$8,500 to pay for program costs. Motion carried.

DNR REPORT:

Walrath told the committee that oak wilt restrictions are now off so timber harvests can resume. She said with the current Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signup they are answering question on tree planting for CRP.

NRCS REPORT:

Wheeler discussed the current CRP signup and passed out information on the program. He told the committee that a Local Work Group meeting will be held after the September LCC meeting.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next LCC meeting was scheduled for September 21, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Kuhn, second by Hayden to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Motion carried.

Al Hoff, recorder

MONROE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE & PLACE:

September 21, 2010, at the Monroe County Ag Services Center, Sparta, WI.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gail Chapman called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Present were Chapman, Hayden (left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.), Wagner, Kuhn, Schroeder (arrived at 8:55a.m.); Hoff, LCD; Richardson, LCD; Wheeler, NRCS; Walroth, DNR; Peterson, Wildlife Services; Larry Revels.

MINUTES APPROVAL – 7/20/2010:

*Motion by Wagner second by Hayden to approve the August 17, 2010 minutes as printed.
Motion carried.*

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Hoff reviewed the September vouchers.

Motion by Kuhn, second by Wagner to approve the bills in the amount of \$3,356.65. Motion carried.

WILDLIFE DAMAGE PROGRAM – 2011 BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Phil Peterson (USDA-Wildlife Services) introduced himself to the committee and gave a background on how the wildlife damage program operates in Wisconsin. He informed the committee that the agencies have prepared a 2011 budget for Monroe County for abatement and administration in the amount of \$31,570.99. This amount does not include the venison donation program. This program is paid for by surcharges on license fees and has no impact on the Monroe County levy.

*Motion by Hayden, second by Wagner to approve the proposed 2011 Wildlife Damage and Abatement budget between DNR, USDA, and Monroe County in the amount of \$31,570.99.
Motion carried.*

STAFF REPORTS:

Richardson reported on the purple loosestrife study he is working on with Sparta High School biology students. He recently participated in a field day with the students. He reported on the status of nonmetallic permits for Dietzman and Burkhalter. Richardson reported that a grade structure is currently being completed for Bob and Gene Treu.

Hoff asked supervisors to consider attendance at the annual WLWCA conference in December. He gave an update on the Monroe County Land and Water Resource Management Plan. Hoff discussed the status of the Richard Martin and Hugo Arndt barnyard runoff projects.

2010 COST-SHARE APPROVALS:

There were no cost-share requests for this meeting.

UPDATE ON COON CREEK 31 REPAIR:

Hoff reviewed the status of the repair of Coon Creek 31. A pre-construction meeting was held on September 20 with the contractor and NRCS engineers. The job will start as soon as the site dries out enough to get equipment to the site. The job will involve excavation of the site and re-alignment of the pipe.

APPROVE CONSERVATION AIDS APPLICATION:

Hoff reviewed the County Conservation Aids program. Counties receive an annual allocation from DNR to be used for fish and wildlife habitat projects. Projects must be on sites with public access. The Monroe County allocation has been used recently for projects on the LaCrosse River and Beaver Creek in the City of Sparta. The 2011 allocation for Monroe County is \$2,442, which must be matched locally. Requests for 2011 must be made by October 1, 2010. Hoff said he has received requests from landowners along Morris Creek in the Village of Norwalk for streambank improvement work. He is recommending that the 2011 allocation be used in Norwalk.

Motion by Kuhn, second by Schroeder to apply for County Conservation Aids funds for 2011 in the amount of \$2,442, to be used on Morris Creek in the Village of Norwalk. The matching funds will come from the 2011 Environment Construction and Development account. Motion carried.

DNR REPORT:

Walroth told the committee that DNR will be hosting the Learn About the Land workshops again this year. The workshops are for landowners not currently involved in forestry programs.

Walroth discussed oak wilt management with the committee.

NRCS REPORT:

Wheeler introduced Carlton Peterson who has recently transferred to Sparta as a soil conservationist for USDA-NRCS.

Wheeler reviewed the recent Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signup. USDA approved 56 new CRP contracts in Monroe County. Wheeler said September 30 is the end of the federal fiscal year, so new program signups will begin after October 1.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next LCC meeting was scheduled for October 19, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

MEETING OF MONROE COUNTY LOCAL WORK GROUP:

The Monroe County Local Work Group meeting was held at 10:30 a.m., after adjournment of the LCC meeting. No Monroe County LCC members were present at the Local Work Group meeting.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Kuhn, second by Wagner to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Motion carried.

Al Hoff, recorder

MONROE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE & PLACE:

October 19, 2010, at the Monroe County Ag Services Center, Sparta, WI.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gail Chapman called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. Present were Chapman, Hayden, Wagner, Kuhn, Schroeder; Hoff, LCD; Richardson, LCD; Micheel, LCD; Wheeler, NRCS; Walroth, DNR; Modjeski, DNR; Larry Revels.

MINUTES APPROVAL – 9/21/2010:

*Motion by Wagner second by Hayden to approve September 21, 2010 minutes as printed.
Motion carried.*

WLWCA CONFERENCE:

Hoff discussed attendance at the annual conference of the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association. Chapman and Schroeder will consider attending. Hoff and Richardson will attend.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Hoff reviewed the monthly bills.

*Motion by Hayden, second by Schroeder to approve the bills in the amount of \$43,026.53.
Motion carried.*

STAFF REPORTS:

Richardson reported the following items concerning Lake Tomah:

- a DNR film crew visited Lake Tomah to do a story on the rehabilitation project.
- fisheries staff completed a fish shocking survey on the lake. No carp were found
- the water clarity has averaged 3-4 ft., very good compared to the clarity before the carp removal
- the lake has been restored to normal water levels.

Richardson reported on construction jobs for Steve Brohmer, B & G Property Mgmt. and Dave Huntzicker.

Micheel discussed construction work in the City of Sparta, Richard Martin, Doug Fries Jr., Rex VonRuden, Jim Weiker, Rudy Borntrégger, and Ivan Helmuth.

UPDATE ON COON CREEK 31 REPAIR:

Hoff reported that the repair of Coon Creek 31 was successfully completed. As expected, the pipe was separated about 5 inches at the second joint. The pipe was pushed back together using 2 excavators. The cost of the repair project will be approximately \$7,200.

APPROVE MONROE CO. LAND & WATER PLAN:

Hoff reported that the Monroe County Land and Water plan was approved by the state Land and Water Conservation Board on October 5. The plan now needs to be approved by the Monroe County Board.

Motion by Wagner, second by Hayden to send a resolution to the Monroe County Board for approval of the Monroe County Land and Water Resource Management Plan. Motion carried.

DNR REPORT:

Walroth reported on office activities for the last month. She discussed the bumper acorn crop this fall.

Modjeski informed the committee that a black bear had to be captured and euthanized in the Melvina area after the bear had killed livestock in the area.

NRCS REPORT:

Wheeler reviewed the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) activity in 2010. \$487,436 was obligated in contracts while \$356,399 in cost-share payments were made to Monroe County landowners.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next LCC meeting was scheduled for November 16, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Kuhn, second by Hayden to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Motion carried.

Al Hoff, recorder

MONROE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE & PLACE:

November 16, 2010, at the Monroe County Ag Services Center, Sparta, WI.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gail Chapman called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Present were Chapman, Hayden, Wagner, Kuhn, Schroeder; Hoff, LCD; Richardson, LCD; Micheel, LCD; Peterson, APHIS; Walroth, DNR; Modjeski, DNR; Larry Revels.

MINUTES APPROVAL – 10/19/2010:

Motion by Schroeder second by Wagner to approve the October 19, 2010 minutes as printed. Motion carried.

WILDLIFE DAMAGE PROGRAM ISSUES:

1. Set 2010 crop prices. Phil Peterson told the committee that crop prices need to be set to be used for wildlife damage claim payments. He handed out a proposal from USDA-APHIS, but said each county can set their own prices.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Hayden to set Monroe County crop prices as proposed by USDA (attached) except for corn and soybeans, which are changed to \$4.50/bu and \$11.50/bu respectively. Motion carried.

2. Set 90% harvest date. Peterson explained the reason for setting a 90% harvest date. This is a date where 90% of the corn and soybean harvest is completed in the county. No more crop appraisals are allowed after this date.

Motion by Wagner, second by Hayden to set the 90% harvest date in Monroe County at November 16, 2010. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Hoff reviewed the monthly bills.

Motion by Kuhn, second by Schroeder to approve the bills in the amount of \$17,726.11. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Richardson told the committee that he will be completing annual quarry inspections before the end of the year. Some of the quarries will need to be gps'd to determine active acres. Active acres are used to determine annual fees paid by the quarry operators. The committee discussed the status of the Burkhalter Quarry in Wilton Township.

Micheel discussed construction work being completed for Rueben Borntregger, Doug Fries, Jeff Schmitz, and Richard Martin.

JERSEY VALLEY WATERSHED UPDATE:

Micheel discussed the status of the Discovery Farms project being implemented in the Jersey Valley watershed. Discovery Farms in completing installing of monitoring stations throughout the watershed in order to monitor runoff under various conditions and management. The collection and monitoring phase will last 2 years. They are currently working with producers in the watershed to update or prepare nutrient management plans.

Micheel informed the committee that Vernon County staff is concerned about the lack of updates and information they have received from Discovery Farms.

REPORT ON DAM SAFETY SEMINAR:

Hoff gave a history of the PL-566 program in Monroe County. Monroe County has 8 flood control dams that were built under the PL-566 program (7 in the Coon Creek watershed in Portland Township and 1 in the Tri-Creek watershed above Norwalk. Monroe County has operation and maintenance responsibilities for these structures. This includes annual inspections, operation and maintenance, preparation of emergency action plans, operation of a flood warning system at Tri-Creek Site 1, and enforcement of zoning in the breach area below the structures.

Wisconsin laws have recently been revised that will require operators of large dams to have a Professional Engineer inspect high hazard dams every other year and low hazard dams once every 10 years.

DNR REPORT:

Walroth discussed cost-sharing for forestry programs. The cost-share program through DNR (Wisconsin Forestry Landowner Grant Program) will not have any dollars until May 1, so landowners will be asked to sign up through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program through NRCS.

NRCS REPORT:

NRCS staff were not available for the meeting. Hoff told the committee that Dave Debilzen, NRCS technician in Sparta, will be retiring on December 3.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next LCC meeting was scheduled for December 21, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Hayden, second by Wagner to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Al Hoff, recorder

2010 CROP PRICE PROPOSAL

Monroe COUNTY

CROP	PRICE PROPOSED	If different than price proposed PRICE APPROVED
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<u>HAY:</u>		<u>ORGANIC HAY</u>
Alfalfa	\$133.75 / Ton	
Alfalfa- mix	\$110.21 / Ton	\$115.00 / Ton

<u>GRAINS:</u>		<u>ORGANIC GRAINS</u>
Barley	\$ 2.50 / Bushel	\$ 3.67 / Bushel
Corn, Field	\$ 2.48 / Bushel	\$ 5.16 / Bushel \$ 4.50
Oats	\$ 1.84 / Bushel	\$ 2.88 / Bushel
Rye	\$ na	\$ 5.50 / Bushel \$ 11.50
Soybeans	\$ 9.11 / Bushel	\$15.88 / Bushel
Wheat	\$ 4.50 / Bushel	\$ 6.25 / Bushel

APIARIES:

9 5/8" hive bodies	\$12.74
6 5/8" hive bodies	\$ 9.60
9 1/8" frames	\$.83
6 1/4" frames	\$.83
8 1/2 - 9 1/8" foundation	\$.93
5 5/8" - 6 1/4" foundation	\$.66
Bottom box	\$10.41
Inner cover	\$ 8.64
Top cover	\$13.84
Excluder	\$10.71
3# bees with queen	\$68.50
2# bees with queen	\$56.67
Honey	\$ 1.68 / #

APPLES:

Wholesale (common varieties)	: \$18.82	Retail:	\$32.66
Wholesale (specialty varieties)	: \$34.03	Retail:	\$90.00

CHRISTMAS TREES:

Balsam Fir:	\$22.64 / each
Fraser Fir	\$31.07 / each
Spruce	\$17.94 / each
Scotch Pine	\$16.15 / each
White Pine	\$16.32 / each

CANNING CROPS:

Beans	\$164.67 / T
Beets	\$ 54.00 / T
Carrots	\$ 37.50 / T
Peas	\$ 11.00 / cwt or \$210.99 / T
Sweet Corn	\$ 74.50 / T

Potatoes \$10.58 / cwt

Monroe County Approval

Date: 11-16-10

Signature: Gail Chapman

Title: LCC Chair

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MONROE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE & PLACE:

December 21, 2010, at the Monroe County Ag Services Center, Sparta, WI.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gail Chapman called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Present were Chapman, Hayden, Wagner, Kuhn, Schroeder; Hoff, LCD; Richardson, LCD; Micheel, LCD; Little, DNR; Walroth, DNR; Wheeler, NRCS; Larry Revels.

MINUTES APPROVAL – 11/16/2010:

Motion by Schroeder second by Wagner to approve the November 16, 2010 minutes as printed. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Hoff reviewed the monthly bills.

Motion by Wagner, second by Kuhn to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,685.56 Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Micheel reported on the progress of the Dick Martin runoff control project which is being constructed to address a Notice of Discharge issued by DNR. The project will be completed this week, with the exception of some riprap which will be installed next spring.

Richardson told the committee that annual reports will be mailed to nonmetallic permit holders next week. Dues for 2011 will be due by January 31, and are based on active acres at the end of 2010.

Richardson updated the committee on the Burkhalter Sand Pit in Wilton Township. Mr. Burkhalter decided not to submit his financial assurance to Monroe County and will therefore not be issued a nonmetallic mining reclamation permit. He will be allowed to mine up to 1 acre without a reclamation permit, but will still need a zoning permit. There was discussion about how this affects the Drews manure storage closure as Mr. Burkhalter was the contractor selected by Ron Drews to complete the closure. The closure will now have to be completed next spring because of the weather. There is no environmental threat with the current situation, so Warden Little and County staff do not see any problem with waiting until next spring.

REPORT ON WLWCA CONFERENCE:

Richardson and Hoff reported on issues discussed at the annual conference of the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA). With uncertainties in budgets at all levels of government, there was considerable discussion among counties and State agencies concerning upcoming budgets. The main concern is staffing grants to counties – how much will be available, and how it will be administered. Also on the agenda was a review of the changes to Wisconsin's runoff rules (NR151). The revisions added a tillage setback, a phosphorus index standard, and a process wastewater standard.

REVIEW OF 2010 CONSERVATION WORK:

Richardson and Micheel showed a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed the conservation work completed in Monroe County in 2010. The main practices were grassed waterways, diversions, streambank riprap, grade control structures, and runoff control systems. Using \$63,000 in state Land and Water funds, Monroe County LCD staff worked with 15 landowners and installed 25

practices. Other sources of state, federal and local funds were used to install additional practices.

DNR REPORT:

Walroth discussed the upcoming “Learn about the Land” classes for woodland owners. Warden Little gave a report on the recently concluded gun deer season.

NRCS REPORT:

Wheeler passed out a summary of landowner participation in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). NRCS received applications from 49 Monroe County landowners in 2010. Contracts for 23 of those applicants were approved in the amount of \$490,881.

NRCS is currently taking signups for 2011 EQIP cost-sharing.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next LCC meeting was scheduled for January 18, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Kuhn, second by Schroeder to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried.

Al Hoff, recorder