

Monroe County Land Conservation, Forestry & Parks Committee Minutes

Date and Place:

Tuesday January 19, 2016 at the Monroe County Ag Services Center, Sparta, WI

Call to Order:

Chairman Chapman called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. Present were: J Rasmussen; D Hall; D Olson; B. Micheel, LCD; B. Richardson, LCD; C Ziegler, Monroe Co. Forestry; C. Walroth DNR; M Komiskey NRCS; C Mulder NRCS; M Modjeski DNR; P Peterson Aphis;
VanWychen Absent.

Introductions:

Micheel introduced new FSA representative Donald Hall.

Minutes Approval 12/15/15 meeting:

Motion by Olson, second by Rasmussen to approve the December 15, 2015 minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Public Comment Period:

None

Wildlife Abatement Program: Approve Crop Prices and Claims

Peterson discussed Abatement program and average corn, soybean, and sweet corn prices for claims. An average price of \$3 per dozen for sweet corn, \$3.52 per bu. field corn and \$9.08 bu. soybeans was established.

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Olson to approve the crop prices of \$3 per dozen for sweet corn, \$3.52 per bu. field corn and \$9.08 per bu. soybeans. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Peterson discussed the three crop damage claims in the county.

Motion by Olson, second by Rasmussen to approve the wildlife damage claims for HillCrest Farms (\$400), Alan Ruedy (\$340) and Mark Drake (\$1762.40). Motion carried 4-0-1.

Review Land Conservation Bills:

Micheel reviewed monthly bills.

Replacement Vehicle for the 2002 GMC Truck:

Micheel explained bidding procedure for replacing the GMC truck and stated bid solicitation is combined with Sanitation and Zoning dept., which is replacing two trucks. Bids will be reviewed at the February LCC meeting.

County Conservationist Report:

Micheel reported on:

Reimbursement requests, Office CREP training and review of CREP program, two AEA's now eligible for Farmland Preservation Program, Tri Creek grant postponed until fall of 2016, DMAP grant from Golden Sands RC&D, NOD amendment for Henze project, upcoming presentations and meetings. Provided the committee with a Mission Statement handout to review and comment on for the February meeting.

Soil and Water Conservationist Report:

Richardson discussed completed and ongoing projects.

Conservation Practice Review (2015):

Richardson provided a presentation on completed practices in 2015 and practices planned for 2016.

Staff and Supervisor Open Discussion:

Micheel commented that the last department head meeting included MUNIS software update and discussion on committee restructuring. The March Dept. Head meeting will focus on committee reorganization and responsibilities.

NRCS Report:

Komiskey reported on staff CREP training 1/11/16, EQIP activities and introduction of intermittent staff – Christina Mulder.

DNR Private Lands Report:

Walroth reported on personnel changes at the Tomah Ranger Station. Modjeski reported on three violations where enforcement action has been taken.

Forestry & Parks:

There two active timber sales on the county forest; one in the Town of New Lyme and one in the Town of Lincoln. A well was abandoned at the old ski hill last week and timber sale establishment is on-going.

Resolution Amending Monroe County Camping Fees:

Ziegler presented the committee with a summary of camping fees from surrounding county campgrounds. Ziegler recommended the following rates: \$21/night, \$125/week, \$375/month and maintaining the current seasonal rate of \$1600. Discussion occurred.

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Hall to adopt the Resolution Amending Monroe County Camping Fees. Motion carried 3-1-1. Olson.

Review Forestry & Park Bills:

Ziegler reviewed the past months bills.

Set next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be on February 16, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in the Monroe County Ag Services Center.

County Poster Contest:

Richardson explained the 2016 Poster Contest and reviewed scoring sheets. A dozen poster were received from the Tomah and Cashton School. Committee members voted on posters for 1-3rd grade and 4-6th grade. Results were compiled after the meeting.

Adjourn:

Motion by Olson, Second by Hall to adjourn at 10:48 a.m. Motion carried 4-0-1.