

Monroe County Natural Resource and Extension Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting – June 14th, 2016
Mo. County Ag Service Center – 820 Industrial Dr., Sparta, WI

Present: Committee Members: N. VanWychen, J. Schroeder, D. Pierce, M. Halverson, D. Hall, D. Olson.
Also Present: B. Micheel, C. Ziegler, M. Armstrong, J. Roll, E. Eggert, public.

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

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

Public Comment Period: There was no public comment.

Approve Minutes from the March 19th LCC Meeting: The committee reviewed the May 19th minutes. A motion was made by D. Pierce to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by M. Halverson. *Motion carried, 6-0.*

Deke Slayton/Bike Museum: No report given.

Local History Room/Wegner Grotto: J. Roll presented report to committee (attached). Mark Halverson asked about the condition of the wall. J. Roll said that maintenance has placed a curtain in front of the section of wall where water has caused stains and damage to the wall. They also put out a fan to dry that section of wall and repairs are moving forward. N. VanWychen stated that the Mo. County Historical Society will pay for repairs needed to fix that portion of the wall.

County Conservationist report: B. Micheel presented report to committee (attached). He handed out Land & Water Handbooks to the members and the committee reviewed expenses.

Soil and Water Conservationist Report: B. Micheel presented reports to committee (attached), usually given by B. Richardson and C. Mulder, both were absent.

Approve Cost Share Agreements: There were no cost share agreements for approval.

Conservation Congress Update: S. Brownell discussed the convention that was held in Manitowoc. A main topic discussed CWD and 33 resolutions were moved on to committees. He stated that there are over 400 game farms in Wisconsin. J. Schroeder asked why so many farms are allowed when CWD seems to be a concern. S. Brownell stated that it hasn't been proven that farms are spreading the disease. Even with efforts to reduce herds, the disease has grown.

NRCS Report: M. Armstrong discussed his attendance at a conservation planning course, an upcoming work group meeting on Aug 2nd and a Land Owner CRP meeting on July 22nd. He stated that there are currently 68 on-going projects.

DNR Reports:

Warden - M. Modjeski reported on an illegal manure spreading issue in which the owner was sent a Notice of Violation. He reported that the Village of Norwalk's burning pile is currently closed due to illegally burning items, 2nd offense. He also re-iterated B. Richardson's report of the sand burrow site that has failed to get a reclamation permit and that they have missed the initial pre-trial date and were 2hrs late for the 2nd pre-trial.

Private Lands – C. Walroth emailed a report that was presented to the committee in her absence (attached).

Forestry & Parks Updates/Review Bills: C. Ziegler presented report to committee (attached). 2016 Timber sale bids were presented to committee members for review (attached). Chad handed out a letter for Access Permission for a piece of property that borders county land and has been used by a private land owner for personal use for years, along with a map showing the area, for the committee to review (attached). Chad also explained that every year Fort McCoy leases a piece of county property for training at \$1500. Most years the property goes unused but the lease is up for renewal. The lease amount is split between the township and the county. Expenses were reviewed by the committee. N. VanWychen asked if there was intent to create the park manager position again this year; Chad said that there are no future plans to fill that position. He explained that he'd like to train his current LTE-Camp Host to gradually take on those duties and possibly set him up for a Managerial LTE in the future.

A motion was made by D. Pierce to approve the letter of Access Permission to allow temporary access to county property which will be good for 5yrs. Seconded by M. Halverson. *Motion carried, 6-0.*

A motion was made by D. Olson to approve the high bids for the timber sales, seconded by M. Halverson. *Motion carried, 6-0.*

A motion was made by D. Olson to approve intent to renew the Fort McCoy Training lease in the amount of \$1500 for training access to county property, seconded by D. Pierce. *Motion carried, 6-0.*

Extension Office Business:

- 4H & Youth Development – E. Eggert gave J. Goede's report to committee for review (attached).
- Family Living - E. Eggert presented report to committee (attached).
- Agriculture Ext Update - presented by E. Eggert (attached).

The next meeting will be held July 12th at 8:30 a.m. at the Monroe County Ag Services Center in Sparta.

Motion to adjourn: was made at 10:30 a.m. by D. Pierce, seconded by J. Schroeder. *Motion carried, 5-0.*

Leslie Schreier, Recorder

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County Historian's Report, May 2016 Submitted by Jarrod Roll, Director / County Historian

Highlighted Projects and Activities

- Participated in Wandering Wisconsin planning meeting (remotely) to discuss joint marketing of summer art programs
- Began planning for 2016 "Art Outdoors" program at Wegner Grotto
- Developed educational program ("Monroe County from A-Z") for Kindergarten aged visitors, along with MCLHR Museum Services Associate
- Provided educational programming to 486 school children both at the History Room and in the classroom
- Promoted and hosted LHR "History Live" program
- Attended "Sketch Up" workshop in Beloit
- Attended Property and Purchasing committee meeting to communicate LHR's need for offsite storage
- Processed recently donated items
- Assessed LHR Archives with Dr. Pat Stovey, history professor from UW-La Crosse, to apply for a grant to bring a college student to create a "friendly finding aid"
- Gave Sparta history presentation to Methodist Church
- Attended Property and Purchasing committee to present case for need of off-site storage space
- Participated in county management training class
- Facilitated communication between Monroe County Historical Society, Deke Slayton Museum, and Garry Spohn, in regards to the ongoing water damage situation on the second floor of the Museum building.
- Regular tasks: provide research assistance to the public (via email, telephone, mail, and in person patrons); provide customer service to museum visitors; assign storage locations, catalog, and photograph artifacts removed from displays and those recently donated; balance LHR financial books and draft monthly report; check fire extinguishers; process new donation offerings; confer with Alli Karrells about museum issues and activities; attend monthly meetings (Ag/Ex Committee, Co. Economic Development & Tourism Committee, Dept Heads, MCHS)

In addition to the projects listed above, I supervise the following volunteer and support staff:

- Agnes Jenkins: indexing newspapers
- Dennis Burek: photo scanning projects; data entry projects; assist with clerical duties
- Barb Reedich: research Water St. businesses for book/walking tour; answer research requests
- Hannah Scholze (Museum Services Associate)
- John Lasko: represents and promotes LHR at public events
- Jane Schmidt: indexing newspapers
- Jim Ebert: indexing newspapers
- Gus (student): rehousing county court records; other duties as assigned
- Sandy Waltermann: creating a master index of Monroe County graduates
- Barb McGreevy: rehousing county court records; other duties as assigned

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Bob Micheel – County Conservationist

Farmland Preservation:

- Processed 3 more applications in the Scenic Valley and Ridge AEA. Certificate of compliance notice sent out by DATCP to 16 landowners under existing agreements.
- Wellington and Glendale townships discussing Ag Zoning

CREP:

- Working with 2 landowners through the CREP process (perpetual agreements). Fall of 2016 first CREP agreements to sunset, 6 landowners will have the option to re-enroll.

Tri-Creek Property:

- Warning sign at the dam site was dropped into the pipe inlet.
- Prairie site created on the east side, DNR crew cleared 1-2 acre site and Bryce seeded site with prairie seed mix.
- Working on PL566 inspections: 5 out of 7 complete. Scheduled Vernon County mowing crew to start the week of June 20th. Snowmobile club to mow Tri-Creek Dam.

Construction:

- John Durbrow stream project on Poe Creek– Muehlenkamp Excavating contractor.

Sparta Phosphorous Trading Project:

- June 7th – Met with elected officials the Professional Dairy Producers at the Discovery Farm tour to discuss Sparta phosphorous trading plan and LCD involvement.
- Working with multiple landowners within city limits on stream restoration (P-Trading).

School programs:

- Finished up water quality and trout stream restoration program and LUNKERS construction with Brookwood and Sparta high school.

June 14, 2016 LCD – Staff Reports

Meetings:

- Western Area Association Meeting in La Crosse on May 24th. Elected officers and area reps. Possible tour in the future and hold onto area meetings. Discussions – VTA, Long Term funding, Job Approval, Food/Land/Water initiative.
1950 – 24 million acres cropland in 2016 – 14 million acres in WI.
Handout – WLWCA Supervisors Handbook
- June 2nd – Dept. Head Meeting
- June 7th - Attended County professional training “Change for Improved Performance”
- June 9th – Attended the Regional Tree Farm evaluation/judging for Gerald Kann
- June 10th - WLWCA Technical Committee Meeting.

Waste Storage Ordinance:

- Issued storage permits for Peaceful Valley Dairy & Gerald Klinkner.

LCD Business:

- End of June interviews for the LCD Administrative Assistant Position.
- Budget process to begin in July with August 22nd department deadline for submittal.
- Mission Statement & Tri-Creek property information posted on Natural Resource & Extension committee web site.

Meeting Schedule:

- Tri-Creek Land Use Planning Committee June 20th.
- Lake Tomah/City of Tomah committee meeting June 21st
- Oak Mgt. Committee meeting – July 12th 1-3pm

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Christina Mulder – Soil & Water Conservationist

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- Daniel & Debra Dishinger (Sparta Township) have started the process to enroll in a 15 year CREP contract. A survey of the stream (Upper Big Creek) has been completed and GPS points of the eligible cropped fields have been taken.

Farmland Preservation Program

- Currently working on creating conservation plans for interested participants.

Conservation Practice Designs

- Vince Pisha (Glendale Township) has signed up for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Baraboo EQIP for the construction of 4 grassed waterways and 2 diversions. Project designed and ready for bid.

Youth Conservation Camp

- Six youth from Monroe County have applied for the Sand Lake Conservation Camp scholarship and will all receive \$50 upon their return from camp. We have asked the students to join the Natural Resources & Extension Committee Meeting on July 12, 2016 to tell us their favorite thing about the camp and something they learned while being there. If they are unable to attend the committee meeting, we kindly asked for a written letter describing their time at the conservation camp.

Dairy Breakfast Booth

- Monroe County Land Conservation and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service held a booth at the June 4th Dairy Breakfast at the Murray Farm. Many people stopped by the booth to talk about the different conservation programs we have to offer and many children were gifted with coloring books, notepads, and conservation brochures.

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Bryce Richardson – Soil & Water Conservationist

Construction

- On-going construction of Manure Storage Structure for Brian Henze. Walls and Slab have been poured.
- Waste Transfer Design for Gerald Klinkner completed: Construction to start soon.

Cropland Transect Survey

- Completed Cropland Transect Survey. 550 data points throughout the county. Survey records present crop, tillage used and % residue. Once entered into the Transect program we will be able to calculate a county wide soil loss in tons per acre, acres of corn, soybeans and hay, and percentage of tillage types for each crop.

Nonmetallic Mining

- One sand borrow site has failed to get a reclamation plan for a pit that was opened last year. The operator was told not to continue mining until a reclamation permit was issued. Nothing has been received in the office and the operator is continuing to operate the sand pit. The contractor has been notified that he is out of compliance.

Date: Monday, June 13, 2016

To: Robert (Bob) Micheel and Monroe County Natural Resources and Extension Committee

From: Christine Walroth, WI DNR, Private Lands Forester

Subject: Report for Private Forestry – WI DNR for Tuesday, June 14, 2016 Meeting

- The next entry date for landowners to enter their property into the Managed Forest Law (MFL) program is January 1, 2017. To meet this entry date the MFL applications, forest management plan and other documentation need to be submitted for review on or before June 1, 2016. For Monroe County there were 28 applications / forest management plans submitted for the June 1, 2016 deadline. The local WI DNR forestry staff needs to review these 28 applications for Monroe County by July 15, 2016. Of the 28 entries, one was an addition to an existing Managed Forest Law property. The remaining 27 entries - thirteen (13) were re-entries – previously in the Forest Crop Law (FCL) or Managed Forest Law (MFL) programs set to expire on December 31, 2016. And the other 14 properties were not previously entered in either tax law programs.
- Several meetings in the past month with timber buyers, loggers, consultant foresters, and landowners to discuss scheduled mandatory harvest practices.
- Gerald (Jug) Kann's Tree Farm was visited by the regional nomination committee on Thursday, June 9, 2016. The regional nomination committee visited Kann's Tree Farm to determine the 2016 Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year for the North Central Region. The North Central Region consists of 11 states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The Kann's Tree Farm was one of two Tree Farms selected for this nomination committee to judge. The other Tree Farm being judged for the 2016 Regional Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year is located in Ohio. The nomination committee consisted of three people - one was an extension forester from Washington State and two (2) ladies who work for the American Forest Foundation from Washington, DC.

Forestry & Parks Report – Ziegler (June)

Forestry:

- Timber sale pre-work for 2017 bid opening
Lupine/Karner surveys
- Invasive treatment – garlic mustard
- Oak management workshop planning

Parks:

- 2017 Budget kick off meeting
- Memorial Day weekend preparation
- Management training sessions (2)
- Safety Meeting

Tract 3-15

Cosaizwedel Pine

BIDDER #1 BIDDER #2 BIDDER #3 BIDDER #4 BIDDER #5 BIDDER #6

Species	Volume	Unit	Minimum Bid	Lambert F.P.		Hayes Logging, Inc.		BIDDER #3		BIDDER #4		BIDDER #5		BIDDER #6	
				Per Unit	Species Total	Per Unit	Species Total	Per Unit	Species Total	Per Unit	Species Total	Per Unit	Species Total	Per Unit	Species Total
Pine	690	tons		\$20.33	\$14,027.70	\$27.00	\$18,630.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Oak (incl. aspen & Hw)	50	tons		\$9.77	\$488.50	\$18.00	\$900.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Oak (incl. aspen & Hw)	4.5	MBF		\$190.00	\$855.00	\$225.00	\$1,012.50		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
TOTAL BID VALUE			\$14,782.50		\$15,371.20		\$20,542.50		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
MINIMUM DEPOSIT (10%)					\$1,537.12		\$2,054.25		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00

Tract 6-15

Old Stony

BIDDER #1 BIDDER #2 BIDDER #3 BIDDER #4 BIDDER #5 BIDDER #6

Species	Volume	Unit	Minimum Bid	Lambert F.P		Hayes Logging, Inc.		John's Welding, LLC		BIDDER #4		BIDDER #5		BIDDER #6	
				Per Unit	Species Total	Per Unit	Species Total	Per Unit	Species Total	Per Unit	Species Total	Per Unit	Species Total	Per Unit	Species Total
Oak & Hardwood	538	tons		\$13.90	\$7,478.20	\$16.00	\$8,608.00	\$14.25	\$7,666.50		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Oak & Hardwood	33	MBF		\$290.00	\$9,570.00	\$225.00	\$7,425.00	\$250.00	\$8,250.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Aspen	50	tons		\$11.24	\$562.00	\$18.00	\$900.00	\$18.00	\$900.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Pine	200	tons		\$21.84	\$4,368.00	\$20.00	\$4,000.00	\$20.00	\$4,000.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
TOTAL BID VALUE			\$14,301.40		\$21,978.20		\$20,933.00		\$20,816.50		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
MINIMUM DEPOSIT (10%)					\$2,197.82		\$2,093.30		\$2,081.65		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00



MONROE COUNTY
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ACCESS PERMISSION

TO:

Thomas Habhegger
1021 North Street
Sparta, WI 54656

Monroe County is owner of certain real property located in the Town of New Lyme, identified as the SW ¼ of NE ¼, Sec 17, T19N, R3W, over which County Highway S runs. Thomas Habhegger purchased the parcel identified as SE ¼ of NW ¼, Sec 17, T19N, R3W which adjoins the county's real property. So long as Thomas Habhegger owns the adjoining real property, Thomas Habhegger and his invitees are granted permission to use the pathway from County Highway S to the adjoining real property as follows:

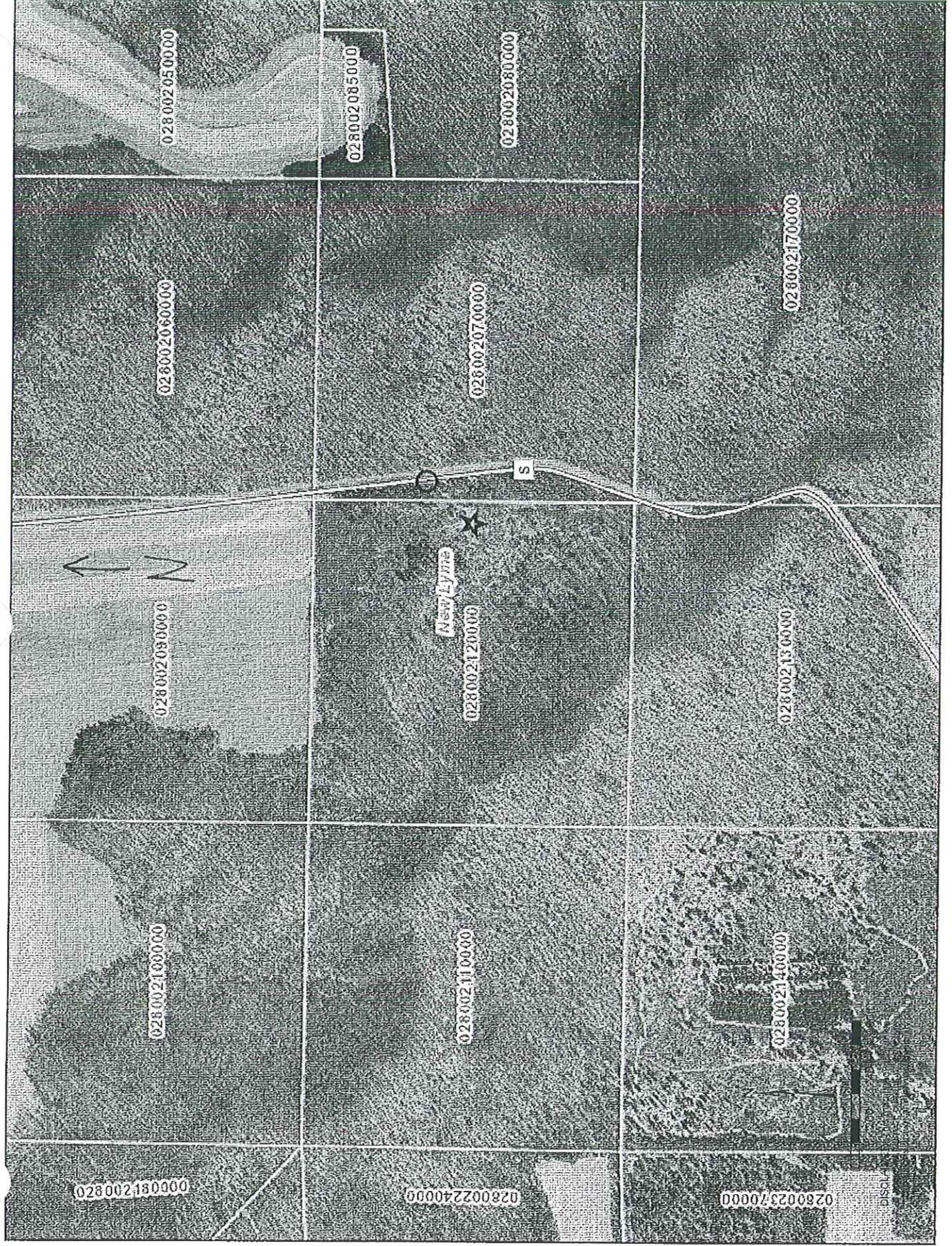
1. For ingress and egress by automobile or light truck from Highway S to Thomas Habhegger's real property, SE ¼ of NW ¼, Sec 17, T19N, R3W.
2. This permission is non-transferable and non-exclusive.
3. The existing pathway shall be maintained in its existing condition, normal wear and tear excepted, and with Thomas Habhegger fixing any significant rutting caused by his use of the pathway.
4. Habhegger may keep the pathway clear of trees or shrubs. The maximum width of clearance is limited to 8 feet from the center of the pathway.
5. Habhegger agrees to indemnify the County and to save the County harmless in regard to any and all liability that may arise as a result of the construction, maintenance, or use of said roadway.
6. Thomas Habhegger shall indemnify and defend the County and its officers, agents, and employees from all liability, suits, actions, claims, costs, damages, and expenses of every kind and description, including court costs and legal fees, for claims of any character, including liability and expenses in connection with the loss of life, personal injury, or damage to property, brought because of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of or arising out of the use of the pathway to access Thomas Habhegger's adjoining real property: SE ¼ of NW ¼, Sec 17, T19N, R3W.
7. The County may cancel this permission without cause and at any time by mailing notice to Thomas Habhegger, 1021 North Street, Sparta, WI 54656.
8. This permission will expire five years from the date of signing.

Thomas Habhegger
608-269-5917

Date

Chad Ziegler, Forestry Director

Date



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Joshua L. Goede



Advanced Space Academy

The application for Advanced Space Academy has gone out to the state. There is high interest so hopefully we will fill the 30 seats. We will travel to Huntsville, AL. January 22-28.

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference

The Agent will teach a course at the 2016 4-H & Youth Conference Held at UW Madison. This four day conference is loaded with seminars and activities that help youth grow their leadership and other skills. There will be four youth attending from Monroe County. All four Youth will have a part in teaching a seminar to their peers.

Fair

Preparations for Monroe County Fair are taking off. The agent and support have been looking at awards and exhibit building schedules as well as recruiting volunteers to assist.

Family Living /4-H Fair Food Study

The Family Living and 4-H Agent have been working on a project to study the food consumption and wants at the county fair. Volunteers will be key in making the project work.

Food Stand

The Agent has been advising the Food Stand Committee as they plan the functions of the food stand for tractor pull and county fair.

Summer Camp

The Agent has hit high gear in camp planning. The necessary people and help seem to be falling into place. We will be at Upham Woods Aug. 5-8. We may have to cancel the 6-8 Grade Outpost experience but we should still have a great camp. We have some great youth signed up as counselors.

Continuing Programs

- Jr. Leaders
 - Ice Cream stand at tractor pull and fair
 - Finalizing Road Trip August 19-21
- Youth Protection Program
 - Have trained 6 more volunteers, appointments for two more
- Shooting Sports
- Shotgun/.22 Rifle June
- Summer Programs
 - June 20, Clothing Preview
 - There will be the Girl's and Boy's Science Days on the 6th and 8th of July.
- The 3-6th Grade Road Trip will be July 15th to Winona MN, and Fountain City WI. The Winona Art Museum will reimburse the van rental.
- July 20, Foods Review
- Summer Camp will be August 5th-8th. Monroe County will be on our own this year. 2017 will be with the new area team minus LaCrosse.
- Clover Camp will be August 20th in Leon.
- Aug. 19-21 Jr. Leader Road Trip

Upcoming Event

Sun Jun 5, 2016

9pm Jolly Joiners Meeting

Where: Cashton High School, Cashton, WI

7pm Sparta Dog Training

Joshua L. Goede



Where: Rolling Hills, Sparta, WI

7:15pm Tomah Dog Training

Where: Recreation Park, 1625 Butts Ave, Tomah, WI

Mon Jun 6, 2016

6pm 4-H Shotgun/.22 Practice

Where: Cataract Sportsman's Club, Cataract WI

6:30pm Denim n' Dust Meeting

Where: Cataract Sportsman's Club, Cataract WI

7pm Leon Livewires Meeting

Where: Leon Community Center, Leon WI 54656

Wed Jun 8, 2016

6pm 4-H Shotgun/.22 Practice

Where: Cataract Sportsman's Club, Cataract WI

Sun Jun 12, 2016

2pm Norwalk Clovers Meeting

Where: Norwalk Village Hall, Norwalk, WI

2pm Valle-Ville Club Meeting

Where: First United Methodist Church 1105 Butts
e Tomah, WI

5pm LaGrange Tunnel-Lites Meeting

Where: American Legion Post,
Wisconsin St, Tomah WI

Mon Jun 13, 2016

6pm 4-H Shotgun/.22 Practice

Where: Cataract Sportsman's Club, Cataract WI

Jun 15-18, 2016

Upham Woods Open Enrollment

Summer Camp

Where: Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells,

Wed Jun 15, 2016

6pm 4-H Shotgun/.22 Practice

Where: Cataract Sportsman's Club, Cataract WI

Jun 20-23, 2016

4-H & Youth Conference

Where: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Jun 20-22, 2016

Tractor Safety Course

Where: Barney Community Center, Sparta WI

Mon Jun 20, 2016

9am Clothing Preview

Where: Rolling Hills Auditorium, Sparta, WI

6pm 4-H Shotgun/.22 Practice

Where: Cataract Sportsman's Club, Cataract WI

Wed Jun 22, 2016

6pm 4-H Shotgun/.22 Practice

Where: Cataract Sportsman's Club, Cataract WI

Jun 23-26, 2016

NTPA Tomah Tractor Pull Food Stand

Where: Recreation Park, Tomah WI

Sun Jun 26, 2016

2pm Hill-N-Valley Club Meeting

Where: Brookwood High School, Ontario, WI

7pm Leon Livewires Meeting

Where: Leon Community Center, Leon WI 54656

Wed Jun 29, 2016

6:30pm Monroe County 4-H Family Picnic

Where: Cataract Sportsman's Club, Cataract

Wed Jul 6, 2016

8am Girls Science Academy

Where: Rolling Hills Activity Room, Sparta, WI

Fri Jul 8, 2016

8am Boy's Science Academy

Where: Rolling Hills Activity Room, Sparta, WI

Sun Jul 10, 2016

5pm LaGrange Tunnel-Lites Meeting

Where: American Legion Post,
800 Wisconsin St, Tomah WI

Fri Jul 15, 2016

Upham Woods Open Summer Camp

Where: Upham Woods Wisconsin Dells

7:30am MOCO4-H 3rd -5th Grade Day Trip

Where: Winona MN & Fountain City WI

Tue Jul 19, 2016

6:30pm White Exhibit Building Set-up Clean-up

Where: Recreation Park, Butts Ave. Tomah, WI

Wed Jul 20, 2016

6pm 4-H Foods Review

Where:

Sparta United Methodist Church, Sparta, WI

Sat Jul 23, 2016

9am Fair Grounds Clean up

Where: Recreation Park, Butts Ave, Tomah WI

Jul 27-31, 2016

2016 Monroe County Fair

Where: Recreation Park, Butts Ave, Tomah WI



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Erin Eggert
Family Living Agent

Family Living Update May 19 to June 14, 2016

- StrongWomen
 - Classes are going really well. People have told me they've had success playing with their grandchildren, making it easier to go up stairs, and one individual who recently finished cancer treatment thanking me that 3 months ago she didn't know if she was going to live and now she's here lifting 8 lb weights with the rest of the ladies. It's great to see the feedback the women give.
 - I purchased t-shirts for all the previous and current participants. They all love the shirts. I'm hoping the shirts will work as advertisement and promoting UW-Extension as well.
 - I completed a survey asking about interest for summer classes. There was a lot of interest in summer sessions so I will be holding one class in Tomah and one class in Sparta for the summer. Then we'll have more classes again in the fall.
 - Been working to identify a new location for the Tomah class this summer (due to lack of air conditioning in the Gold Building at Rec Park).
 - I have four individuals interested in getting trained as StrongWomen instructors- which is fabulous! They'll hopefully be attending a training in August in Madison. This will help continue to expand the class.
- Food Pantry Project
 - We finished initial assessments of 7 different food pantries across Monroe County. This summer the Health Department has an intern and she'll be doing a summer assessment (looking at the food across the year, once each season) and doing other assessment like food pantry patron questionnaires, finding out more information from food pantry directors, etc.
- Partner Physical Activity Program

- Working with Angie Flickinger out of Rock County to develop a low-cost, minimal equipment needed (just a bath or beach towel) physical activity program called "Stronger Together". Finalizing the editing now and then we'll be piloting and hopefully getting other counties to pilot as well.
- Parent-Child Movement Power Hour
 - Finished this program at Sparta. The parents really enjoyed it and learned a lot from it. I learned from it as well and improved it from the time I did it in Tomah and will continue to improve upon it if I do it again in the future.
- First Year Review
 - Coming up on July 5th (1 year on July 1st)- so I'm working on prepping for that.
- Healthy Fair Food Research Study
 - Working with Josh on recruiting kids for that. Then we'll need to do scheduling to organize kids and have meetings with them to make sure they're all on the same page. Kids will be asking fair-goers to complete a survey about what they ate that day at the fair and whether they'd be interested in healthier foods.

Continuing Events

- Newspaper articles to Tomah and Sparta newspapers
- Continuing to post and promote the facebook site and Pinterest site

Upcoming Events

- Continuing with Food Pantry Assessments and state-level Safe & Healthy Food Pantry Project Training Team
- CDC Active Communities In-Person Meeting in June
- Extension Healthy Living Team's Active Communities Meeting in June
- First Year Review coming up on July 5th



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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update **May 20, 2016 through June 14, 2016**

Work on getting research plots set up and put out for the seed maggot project was completed. This included site identification, preparation, and two plating times completed. A third planting date will be completed later this week. A Cashton HS student is working with us on this project, doing insect monitoring, and assisting with planting and stand counts.

The nitrogen rate research plot was also set up and preliminary work done. This included site identification, soil sampling, plot layout and at planting treatments applied. The first crop circle color measurements will be taken this week. A Cashton HS student and a UW RF student are working on this project with us.

The Ag Agent recertified as a Pork Quality Assurance Version 3.0 instructor, and site evaluator. There are still a few pork producers in the area that need certification training. We work with the Equity Livestock barn to train the farmers.

The Ag Agent made several farm visits to identify crop problems. The cool nights led to several uncommon problems for vegetable crop transplants. There were also viral and phytoplasma pathology problems identified in brambles.

The Ag Agent represented the UW Extension Office in the Educational Display Tent at the Monroe County Dairy Breakfast. The report the Ag Agent received indicated there were about 2,550 people served at the breakfast this year.

Work has continued and more progress was also made during the past month on the second round of tractor safety videos, and the livestock trailer safety materials.

There were a number of homeowner calls on bugs, weeds and garden questions this past month. There were also a number of calls on custom farm operation rates and hay prices.

Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized

June 6,8,13,15,20,22- Monroe County 4-H shooting sports project meetings
June 14 Small Fruit Workshop- Field of Dreams- Tomah & Richland Center
June 15 Quickbooks Workshop- Barney Center- Sparta
June 20-22 Tractor Safety- Sparta
July 6 & 7- Field Crops Field Days
July 18-21 Farm Technology Days
July 23- Fair Set Up – morning
July 27 – 31 Monroe County Fair
August 3 Carcass Evaluation