

Monroe County Natural Resource and Extension Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting – September 9th, 2016
Mo. County Ag Service Center – 820 Industrial Dr., Sparta, WI

Committee Members present: N. VanWychen, J. Schroeder, D. Pierce, M. Halverson, D. Hall,
Also Present: B. Micheel (LC), C. Ziegler (Forestry), C. Mulder (LC), M. Mickelson (DNR), C. Walroth (DNR),
J. Goede (UW-EX, E. Eggert (UW-EXT), B. Halfman (UW-EXT)

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

Call to Order: Chairman VanWychen called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Public Comment Period: There was no public comment.

Approve Minutes from the August 16th NR & Extension Meeting: The committee reviewed the minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by *J. Schroeder, seconded by D. Pierce Motion carried, 5-0-1.*

Deke Slayton/Bike Museum: No Report

Local History Room/Wegner Grotto: J. Roll not present but submitted the Dept. August expenditures and report to the committee (attached). *D. Pierce motion to approve, second by M. Halverson. Motion carried 5-0-1.*

Land Conservation Department:

1. **Review August Expenditures:** B. Micheel reviewed expenditures, report attached.
2. **County Conservationist Report:** B. Micheel presented the departmental report to the committee (attached). Discussed creating an Agricultural Advisory Team (AAT) concerning the water quality standards consisting of landowners representing all forms of agriculture across Monroe County. Committee suggested an early December meeting during the day. Committee would assist with member participation.
3. **Soil & Water Conservationist Report:** C. Mulder discussed her activities along with the CREP program over the last month. (Report Attached along with B. Richardson's)
4. **Approve Cost Share Agreements:** C. Mulder brought two agreements to the committee for Denny Steel –riprap repair and Amy Weisenberger- tile replacement . *J. Schroeder motion to approve, second by D. Pierce. Motion carried 5-0-1*

NRCS Report: No report

DNR Reports:

1. **Private Lands:** C. Walroth updated the committee on current forestry activities and suggested bringing in the DNR specialist for a possible spring presentation on tree disease and pest issues in Monroe County, example Oak Wilt.

Forestry & Parks:

1. **Forestry & Park Updates** C. Ziegler presented his department report (attached) and answered questions from the committee. Some discussion with time standards along with Megan explaining system switch and shortage in hours.
2. **Review Forestry & Parks Expenditures** C. Ziegler reviewed the monthly expenditures. Discussed golf

carts -tentative replacing in the future.

The FSA representative D. Hall left meeting after his obligation was completed.

County Farm Education Funds – Discussion of potential projects.- no discussion

Extension Office Business:

1. **Review of August Expenditures**
2. **4H & Youth Development Report** (Goede) - report attached
3. **Family Living Report** (Eggert) – report attached
4. **Agriculture Report** (Halfman) - report attached. Bill also updated committee on the UW EXT re-organization and changes in UW Extension leadership at Madison, and asked committee members to complete a voluntary needs assessment survey (attached).

Motion made by D. Pierce to accept Agent reports and review of expenditures, seconded by M. Halverson.

Motion carried 4-0-1.

The next meeting will be held October 11th 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 J. Schroder, seconded by D. Pierce. **Motion carried, 4-0-1.**

Recorder: Connie Holzl