Monroe County Natural Resource and Extension Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting – August 13th, 2020
Monroe County - Board Assembly Room –Sparta, WI

Committee Members present: N. VanWychen, D. Pierce, R. Luethe, R. Sherwood, J. Schmitz and K. Raymer (FSA Rep.).
Not Present:
Also Present: B. Micheel (LC), J. Roll (History), A. Anderson (Health Educator), M. Modjesk (Warden), and R. Anderson (Land Use Planner) T. Townsell (Ft. McCoy) and C. Ziegler (Forestry & Parks)

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

Call to Order: Chairman N. VanWychen called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

Public Comment Period: None

Approve Minutes from the July 8th NR & Extension Meeting: The committee reviewed the minutes. *A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by D. Peirce, second by R. Luethe. Motion carried 5-0-1.*

Deke Slayton/Bike Museum: None

Local History Room/Wegner Grotto:

1. **Review July Report:** J. Roll reviewed report. (Report Attached)
2. **Review July Expenditures:** J. Roll reported nothing needed further explanation.
3. **2021 Budget for Local History Room and Wegner Grotto**

Motion made by R. Luethe to accept 2021 Budget for Local History Room and Wegner Grotto, second by D. Pierce. Motion carried 5-0-1
Motion made by D. Pierce to accept July Report and Expenditures, second by R. Sherwood. Motion carried 5-0-1

11:16 Kevin Raymer Arrived

County Farm Education Funds: None
Extension Office Business:

1. **Review July Expenditures:** Reviewed monthly expenditures.
2. **2021 Budget Discussions:**

Motion made by R. Sherwood to accept 2021 Budget Discussion, second by D. Pierce. Motion carried 6-0-0

3. **Agriculture Report:** (Report Attached)
4. **4H & Youth Development Report:** (Report Attached)
5. **Health & Well-Being/FoodWIse Report:** (Report Attached)
6. **AED Update**: None

Motion made by D. Pierce to accept July Report and Expenditures, second by R. Luethe. Motion carried 6-0-0.

NRCS Report: None
Fort McCoy Update: T. Townsell reported Challenge Academy students are being quarantined before school started. A few thousand Navy recruits will be quarantined at Fort McCoy before heading off to

training. COVID caution is still taking place. Fort McCoy camp ground is now open. Grocery store and gas stations on base, you must wear a mask. Fort McCoy will be hosting hunter safety in the fall. If slots don't fill up from people on base it will be open to the public.

Land Conservation Department:

1. **Review May Expenditures:** B. Micheel reviewed monthly expenditures.
2. **2021 Budget Review:** B. Micheel reviewed 2021 Budget.
3. **County Conservationist Report:** B. Micheel reviewed report. (Report Attached)
4. **Soil & Water Conservationist Report:** (Report Attached)
5. **Land Use Planner Report:** (Report Attached)
6. **Educational Webinar for Committee Members:** Reviewed

Motion made by D. Pierce to accept July Report and Expenditures, second by R. Luethe. Motion carried 6-0-0.

DNR Forestry Reports:

1. **Warden:** None
2. **Forestry**: None
3. **Managed Forest Law Program**: None

12:45 Ron Luethe and Kevin Raymer left.

Forestry & Parks:

1. **Public Access on Copper Road:**

Motion made by D. Pierce to accept Public Access on Copper Road, second by R. Sherwood. Motion carried 3-0-3

2. **Forestry & Park Updates:** (Report Attached)
3. **Angelo Wayside Privy – discussion/action:** C. Ziegler discussed Angelo privy.
4. **Annual Work Plan Resolution:**

Motion made by J. Schmitz to accept Annual Work Plan Resolution, second by R. Sherwood. Motion carried 3-0-3

5. **2021 Budget Review:** C. Ziegler reviewed 2021 Budget.
6. **Review Forestry & Parks May Expenditures:** Reviewed monthly expenditures.

Motion made by D. Pierce to accept July Report and Expenditures, second by R. Sherwood. Motion carried 3-0-3.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held, Wednesday September 9th, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at the Monroe County Board Assembly Room in Sparta.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Recorder: Arin Gowan

LHR Director / County Historian's Report, July 2020

Submitted by Jarrod Roll

Highlighted Projects and Activities

- Promoted Phase 2 reopening plan to the public and volunteers; created necessary signage to communicate expectations
- Deep cleaned museum spaces and returned artifacts to display in preparation of reopening to the public
- Reorganized the Breakroom workspace and Research Library shelves to better utilize these spaces
- Created the Sparta Youth Scanvenger Hunt activity (partnering with the Sparta Kiwanis Club), including attending weekly planning meetings, writing scavenger hunt clues, promoting the event, and drafting the rules for particpation.
- Held training session for on-call staff to go over LHR operations under Covid-19
- Developed the 2021 budget for the Wegner Grotto, researching past site operation costs
- Began searching for photos to enlarge for redecorating the Research Library walls
- Drafted a 2019 end of year report for the Wegner Grotto County Park (with 2020 updates) to provide to major donors and the County Board
- Created a pictorial report of "before and after" images of building improvement projects completed in the spring of 2020
- Fulfilled customer orders for research materials and photographs both via computer and through the mail
- Paid bills through the MUNIS system
- Attended Complete Census Count Committee meeting in Sparta
- Attended Monroe County Economic Development & Tourism meeting in Sparta

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From left, Kiwanian John Winkelmann, Monroe County Local History Room Museum Director Jarrod Roll and Kiwanian Steve Bernett stand with the first scavenger hunt participants, Harry and Charlie Frazee. Contributed photo

Getting kids on the move

Over 220 area students get registration forms for Kiwanis, MCLHR scavenger hunt

Excitement on North Water Street was high Saturday morning as the Sparta Kiwanis Club, in partnership with the Monroe County Local History Room Museum, launched the Sparta Youth Scavenger Hunt. Harry and Charlie Frazee, sons of Rachel and Joel Frazee, were the first to receive registration forms, followed by over 200 Sparta area students who received forms on opening day. The Hunt will conclude on Saturday, August 15, when all entries must be returned by 11:59 p.m.

Representatives from both sponsors were present at the Farmers' Market Saturday morning but Kiwanian Steve Bernett said scavenger hunt forms are available at any time in the Little Free Library box located near the Mueller Square entrance.

As scavenger hunt rules state, the goal is to complete at least 16 questions correctly. That will require visiting each local location, all of which can be reached by walking or biking. The completed form must be deposited in the Sparta Free Library Book Return slot at the Library's back door by the deadline, August 15.

Prizes, at values up to $100, will be provided by the following local business supporters: Speed's Bicycle Shop, Hansen's IGA, Arenz Shoes, Fast Eddie's Bait Shack, Cenex Convenience Store, Ginny's Cupboard, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Pizza Hut, Rudy's Drive-In, Dairy Queen, Culver's and Subway.

Bernett said, "The scavenger hunt idea grew out of a brainstorming session at a Kiwanis ZOOM meeting. We wanted to create something to make up for all the cancelled activities, something to get kids out and about. The response has been very positive, even drawing coverage by two area TV stations!"

For additional information contact the Sparta Kiwanis Club at *SpartaKiwanis2020@gmail.com* or the Monroe County Local History Room Museum, 608-269-8680.

o show support to local dairy farmers

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Agriculture Program Highlights July 2 through August 7, 2020

Farm visit were conducted, following all the protocols currently in place to look at addressing ventilation problems in calf barns, disease problems in a fresh market cucumber patch, evaluating beef cattle housing and handling facilities to provide ideas for improvements.

The Ag Agent is a member of the Monroe County Invasive Species Working Group, which met this past month.

The Ag Agent has continued to respond to people via phone calls, e-mails and press releases to help address various needs. Common questions that have been addressed over the past month are: plants toxic to livestock, farm land rental contract considerations, hay and straw prices, fertilizer questions, vegetable garden problems, shade and fruit tree problems and management, insect identification and control, custom farmer machinery operation rates.

A working group is developing a training program for first responders to be better prepared for when they respond to crashes that involve livestock hauling vehicles. The training program provide participants information on livestock handling safety, biosecurity, and considerations for extrication of livestock from trucks and trailers. In addition, it provides a list of local people that they should reach out to for assistance, such as veterinarians, sale barn managers and similar people. This program is valuable since fewer and fewer people have actual livestock experience and knowledge. An on-line version is also being developed.

Grant funds were received to help fund two projects to gather unbiased research-based information on dairy x beef cross calf performance and predictability. One focuses on baby calves and the other focuses on feedlot performance. These projects are combined efforts of several agents across the state.

The hops plots will be harvested soon. The Ag Agents in western WI are working with one of our state specialists to conduct an industrial hemp variety trial. Six different varieties are planted in the trial. It is located in Buffalo County.

Ag Agents are working on educational outreach efforts with flexible options for delivery to be able to offer educational opportunities to our audiences this upcoming fall and winter. At this time is appears we will be very limited in crowd size, so virtual, and news column type options are being planned.

An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

April Anderson

Monroe County Nutrition Coalition
I finished compiling the Harvest of the Month materials that Kayleigh, the coordinator of this coalition, asked me to help with.

Monroe County Mental Health Coalition
There was no July meeting.

HEAL (Healthy Eating, Active Living)
Monroe County employees have continued to work hard on the Summer STEPS challenge. The challenge ends on Monday, August 31st. As part of the StrongBodies Health group, Jen Whitty and I will be working together on stress, coping, emotional health, and brain health lessons Recently, I became a member of the Policy, Systems, and Environments work group that is focusing on schools.

FoodWIse
The Color Me Healthy curriculum group is finished meeting. On August 4th we shared the best practices for utilizing this curriculum as well as ways it can be used virtually with all FoodWIse staff. Recently I began working on two new curriculum work groups: Show Me Nutrition for second graders and a video review group that will focus on researching and evaluating videos for all the audiences we work with. Recently I met with Patty Hagen, the WIC coordinator, and Lynn Edwards, the Nutrition Educator, at the Monroe County Health Department to discuss ways we can partner to offer nutrition education at Head Start.

StrongBodies
The virtual classes for Monroe County/La Crosse County participants have been going well. Nancy Goodman, a volunteer leader, and I began co-teaching the class together on Wednesdays once we received the wireless headsets that we needed. The La Crosse leaders teach the class on Mondays. There are usually about 37 participants that join us for each class.

Onboarding
Recently we learned tips for communicating with stakeholders. We learned about sharing impacts and creating advocates as well as how technology can be used to do this effectively.

Sparta Farmers Market
I emailed the Sparta Farmers market manager, Joey Esterline, and then during that same week I met her at the market. I explained that I wanted to help support the market and I shared a few ideas. I offered to write an article on National Farmers Market week for the newspaper since it was coming up soon. I also offered to bring recipes people could utilize for the produce they purchased at the market. Joey was interested in both my ideas, so I submitted an article for the newspaper and the following Saturday I dropped off recipes at the market.

Health Matters Newspaper Column
I submitted three articles to the newspaper in July. The first article was about practicing mindfulness, the second article was about canning resources, and the third article was about National Farmers Market week.

Canner Testing
I completed canner testing training. In the canning resources article I submitted to the newspaper I shared that canner lid testing is offered through our extension office. I tested my first canner lid on July 30th.

Professional Development
-Virtual Teaching
-Program Planning- Increase Access & Grow Programs
-Communication & Media
-Approach to Inclusion of Individuals with Disabilities
-Cities Addressing Food Security
-School Nutrition
-CDC Health Equity

Coming Soon
August 11th- Safe Community Coalition meeting
August 20th- Mental Health Coalition meeting

Joshua L. Goede

Coming Back Online

The 4-H staff around the state have been looking at what 4-H and our programs will look like. There have been some good options put forward. One idea is "podding" where groups of 10 can come together with other groups of 10 making sure the pods stay separate. They could gather in parks or in large open buildings. Another idea is "Cycled meeting" where groups of 10 have separate meetings but cover the same set agendas. Project meetings can be under the current 10 or fewer guidelines. We will not be holding large 4-H gatherings in the foreseeable future.

Camps/Adventure Days

We were able to hold an outdoor adventure day on August 5 in Ontario and Wildcat Mountain Park. There were 19 youth who attended and four high school youth who helped facilitate. As well as four adult volunteers and staff. It was a very nice day with great weather to canoe the Kickapoo.

Agents 4 Change w/Monroe County Safe Community Coalition

The Agent is holding a training on August 11-12 at The Sparrow's Nest @ The Abbey just west of Sparta. There will be 7 youth from three school districts in Monroe County. The training will look at strategic planning and how community change can be achieved. We will be looking at change regarding substance use and abuse. The end product of the training will be a presentation the peer mentors will be able to take into elementary schools and teach to those young students. The topic will be alcohol to build on the success of our current vape and tobacco lesson.

Clover Camp

We are also holding a ½ day Clover Camp on August 13 at he Abbey. This day os for our youngest members to get together and have an experience. We will look at the earth elements this year, Earth, Wind, Fire, & Water. There will be other distanced activities as well like kick ball, and circle games.

STEAM @ The Library Project

This project wrapped up the last week of July. There were many good comments of support from the librarians. There were 38 kits delivered each of the 6 weeks for a total 228 kits. The accompanying videos created have been viewed an average of 7 times.

Virtual Project Meetings

Unfortunately, this project did not receive a strong response. We ran the program through the end of July. We have offered other virtual events and opportunities to little enthusiasm. There was little reaction to a digital exhibition.

Camp in a Box

The Area 13 Educators created a Camp in a Box program to bring Summer camp home to the family. We had 10 families and the youth center at Ft. McCoy participate. There were over 150 boxes distributed in Area 13. There were over 30 youth who tuned into the digital content. Over all the program was successful.

Advanced Space Academy

The Agent is moving ahead cautiously with plans for the January 2021 Advanced Space Academy. Wisconsin 4-H has 13 youth enrolled. Space Camp itself is facing significant challenges for the coming winter season. We are being advised by them as to whether we move forward or not.

Ideas Being Built

In this new way of doing things there are several Ideas that The Agent will be developing further. We are looking at

- Another BOX idea is a project in a box where families would receive materials to do two projects a month. One would be based on a variety of popular curriculum and the other would be a more obscure project like clowning.

Month Report:

Camp in a Box: For this project I oversaw putting together the manual like I mentioned during our last meeting. A few days before assembling the boxes I worked on printing and gathering all the necessary materials together for the manuals. I also helped Josh put together his PVC rocket kits that went in the box. Then on July 17th, I went to Viroqua to help the Area 13 4-H Agents assemble 159 boxes for our Camp in a Box activity. On July 23rd and 24th I sat in on the many different Zoom interactions we provided youth to participate in and interact with the agents, other campers, and the camp counselors.

Library Science Kits: The week of July 27th we wrapped up our Science Kits with the Rural Libraries of Monroe County. Halfway through this project we were asked by one of the libraries that they would like 5 more kits to pass out to the youth. Overall, each week we were making and providing a total of 38 science kits. Every other week when I was dropping the kits off at the libraries, I was told how awesome this project is and that they are happy to be working on this with us to provide these opportunities for the area youth during this time.

Adventure Day: I have helped Josh put together a day that is like 4-H camp but without the overnight component. I have put together organizing a volunteer to come to Wildcat to talk to the youth about survival skills they can use when hiking or camping in the woods. He talked about his experiences, Map Reading and triangulation, GPS and Geocaching, Orientation like how to read a compass and how to tie different kinds of knots. I also put together different games that could be done safely at a social distance.

Clover Camp: On August 13th we are holding our annual Clover Camp out at The Sparrows Nest at the Abbey. We will be outside learning about the 4 Elements of the Earth: Fire, Wind, Water and Earth. I came up with different activities that go with each element and activities to go with activity.

Evaluations: I have created many different evaluations for each of the programs we have done so far to get feedback from participants.

I have also helped out with other projects that have been given to me by the agents that need to be completed.

August 13th, 2020 - Staff Report

Bob Micheel - County Conservationist

LCD Business:

- Climate Change Task Force – Held watershed meetings on July 21st in Wilton and August 4th in Leon to discuss the weather sensor equipment, deployment strategy and funding. Donations are now being accepted through the Kickapoo Valley Association to fund implementation of the CCTF objectives. Wilton donated $4,000 to start the project.
- P-Trading Program – Working with Tomah on two potential stream projects. Dwayne Chapman accepted an invitation to serve on the Lake Tomah Committee. Sparta has one stream project approved for 2020, while Norwalk has one spring development/barnyard project.
- Private Well Testing – Re-starting the well water sampling program with the health department. The original contact list will be mailed their water bottle with instructions on how to sample their water. Bottles will be mailed out over three weeks with Monday's collection day at the LCD office. Samples will be mailed to the Stevens Point Water Quality Lab. The homeowners test package is offered with cost sharing with this program.
- CWD Task Force – The state has increased fees for vendors processing venison for food pantries to $80 for non CWD Counties and $90 for CWD positive counties. Monroe County currently has one processor in Tomah. We are hoping with the increase payment more participation will occur across the county. The DNR is promoting cooling trucks in areas void of processors during the gun season. The trucks would transport the venison to the participating butchers within the county.
- Coon Creek Watershed – M&E Consultants a private firm from Texas is contracted by NRCS to conduct the watershed study for the Coon Creek & West Fork of the Kickapoo Watershed held its first introductory meeting on August 4th in Cashton. The meeting was used for introductions, layout planning strategy, timelines and build support from the counties moving forward.
  Two scoping meetings for the public are set for September 16th in Coon Valley and September 17th in Cashton for the West Fork Kickapoo. Public notices will be going out shortly to promote participation at these meetings.
- PL566 dams – Snowmobile club and Steve Leis excavating mowed three of the functional dams. Working with La Crosse County in deploying Reconx-cameras in connection with the float warning system on the Tri-Creek dam.
- Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association – On July 14th I was Elected President and BOD Vice-Chair, term 2020-2022.

Meeting Schedule:

- August 18th – 580 Standards Team Meeting
- Sept. 2nd – Climate Change Task Force Meeting
- Sept 9th - Natural Resource & Extension Committee meeting
- Sept 10th – Land & Water Executive Committee Meeting

August 2020 - Land Use Planner's Report

Roxie Anderson

Activities:

- Comprehensive Plans: Started up meetings with Towns of Grant and Oakdale to wrap up review and update of Comprehensive Plans. Working on Comprehensive Plan drafts to review this fall and have revised timeline to prepare for adoption of updated plans later this year.
- Grant Funding Opportunities: Update on following grant applications:
    - Fishers and Farmers Partnership Grant: All grant application forms and final proposal and budget have been completed and submitted for the project titled "Establish Real-Time Weather Monitoring Stations to Improve Success of Conservation Practices in Flood-Prone Areas". Grant funding award slightly increased from $36,086 to $38,298. Part of the funding ($11,335) will go toward establishment of real-time precipitation and stream level monitoring stations, which will also fulfill one of the goals of the Climate Change Task Force. Funding should be available by the end of August.
    - Surface Water Grant Program (DNR): The application period is open for project proposals. I will be meeting with a DNR biologist to determine project eligibility and receive assistance on defining scope of project. The project proposal for establishing real-time monitoring systems in the Kickapoo and Little La Crosse River watersheds will be presented for funding up to $50K under the River Plan Implementation category which allows project activities that provide better understanding of a system.
- Golden Sands RC&D Meeting - July 9: I will be working with Golden Sands RC&D to help implement a project objective that is part of a USFS Landscape Scale Restoration grant award they received. The project objective is to enter Tri-Creeks Property into the Broken Antlers Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Cooperative and to establish a demonstration forest. Grant funding will go toward signage for the demonstration forest and time for County Forester to identify stands for wildlife habitat. The project period is July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023.
- Climate Change Task Force Watershed Meetings - July 21 & Aug 4: I presented the information that has been gathered during my research of weather/stream monitoring stations and sensors at the CCTF watershed meetings held at Towns of Wilton and Leon. The monitor station planning maps for the Kickapoo and Little La Crosse River watersheds were also presented which shows the proposed locations and setups for monitoring stations.
- Monroe County Invasive Species Working Group (MCISWG) – Aug 6: I attended Central Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (CWIP) Mapping Blitz webinar hosted by Golden Sands RC&D and presented an overview of the Mapping Blitz effort to MCISWG.

Meetings/Trainings:

- Aug 12 - Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission
- Aug 13 – Economic Development and Tourism Committee
- Aug 24 – Town of Oakdale Comprehensive Plan Update
- Aug 26 – Town of Grant Comprehensive Plan Update
- Sept 2 – Climate Change Task Force

August 10th, 2020-- Soil & Water Conservationist's Report

Bryce Richardson

- Completed 660 ft of riprap for Richard Martin, Glendale Twp.
- Completed 1960 lin ft of bank shaping for John Bergman, Sparta Twp.
- Designed 3 Well Decommissioning Plans for Logan Henthorn (2 Wells), Joe McCracken and Doris Luethe. All will be completed in 2020.
- Assisted NRCS on streambank riprap construction.
- Continue to receive court documents pertaining to Hi-Crush Wyeville and Covia regarding Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.
- Continue to make site visits to interested landowners.

Nick Smetana

- **Activities**
    - Constructing a streambank restoration on Moore Creek including 2300 LN FT of Riprap, 150 LN FT Bank Shaping, and 16 LUNKER Structures
    - Completed Designs/Modifications and Closed Bids on Karen and Jack Leis' Streambank Project (Heiser Valley Creek) and Jon Rigden's Streambank Project (CR 29-16 – Rulland's Coulee Trib)
    - Completed Design for Chester Borntreger's Streambank Restoration on Upper Brush Creek
    - Soliciting bids for Dale Wicklund's Streambank Restoration in Adrian Township (Trib to Chub Creek)

CREP

- CREP Seeding Guidance (Randy Dreier, Larry Dietzman, Charles Hornburger)
- CREP field shapes and cost estimator (Donald and Denise Britzman, Sherry Kopka)
- CREP Agreements (James Paulson, Charles Hornburger)

Cost Share agreement approvals

CN # 470-2020 – John and Karen Leis 100 LN FT of Streambank Riprap, 930' of Bank Shaping, 0.20 acres of Obstruction Removal.

County Cost Share Approvals: Logan Henthorn, Joe McCracken and Doris Luethe well abandonments. Cost sharing will be 50% of the cost up to $500. Well abandonments usually run around $1000 depending on depth, casing size and ease of pulling the old pump.

Forestry & Parks Report (August) – Ziegler

Forestry:

- Invasive spraying –
    - Buckthorn – Town of Byron
- 2 active timber sales
    - 155-Town of Byron
    - 159-Town of Lincoln
- Timber sale set up, Town of Lincoln

Parks:

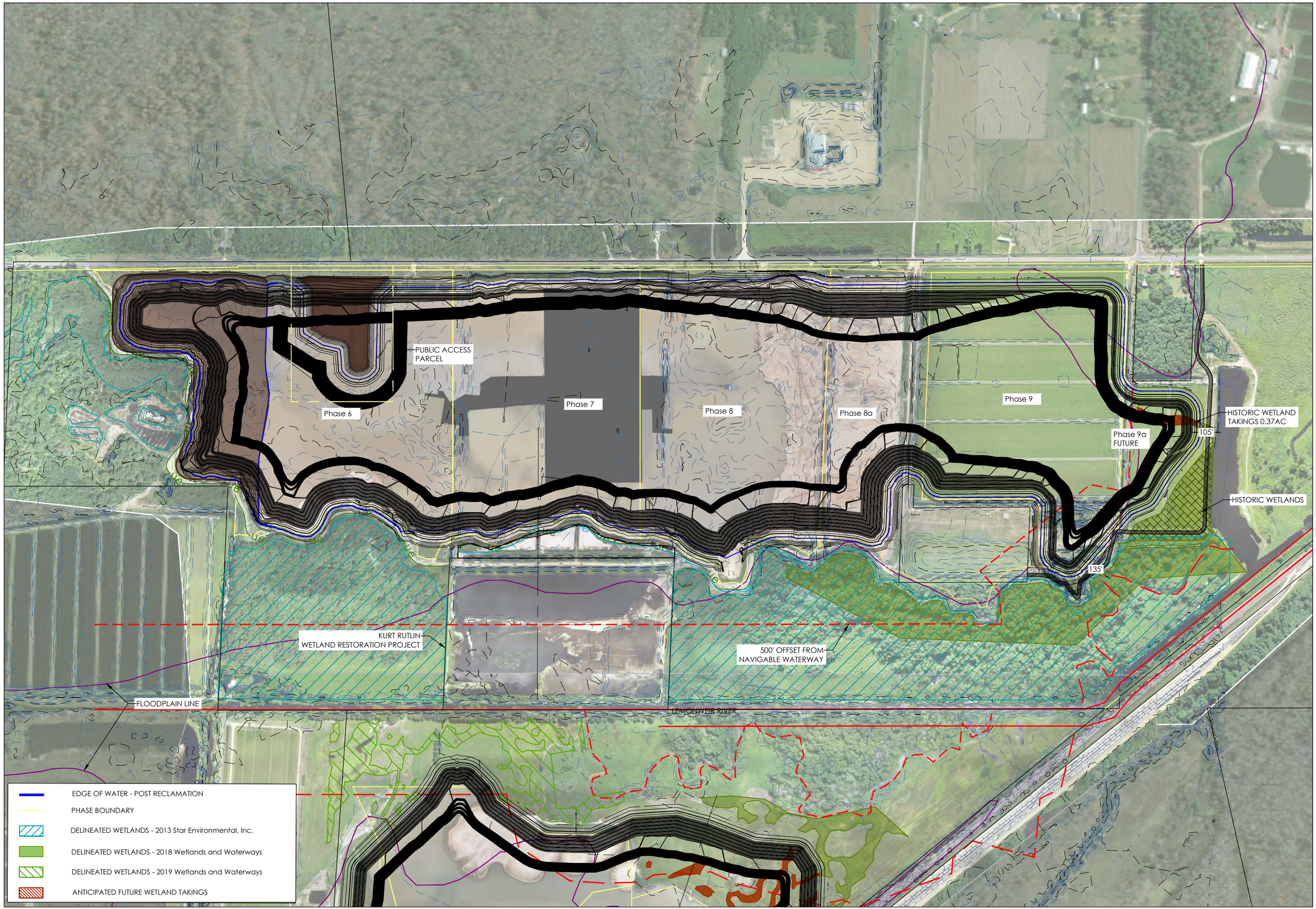
- Park Revenue: $73,770 Expenses: $38,000
- approx. $35,000 less than same time in 2019

Snowmobile:

- Final maintenance grant reimbursement $92,610
- 2019-20 Supplemental Application approximately $41,275

Other:

- Meeting with Hi Crush - Wyeville
- Dept Head Meeting
- Budget/IT Pool Meeting



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Town of Byron
Monroe County, WI

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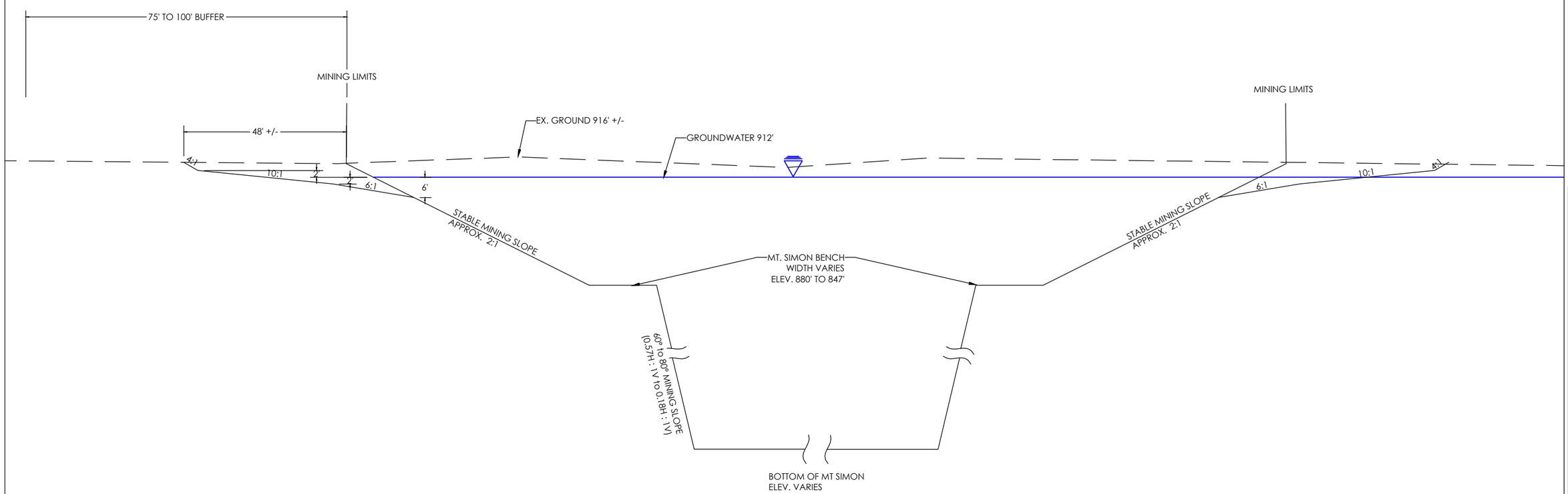

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MONROE COUNTY FOREST ANNUAL WORK PLAN - 2021

REFERENCES:

1. Annual Planning Meeting (once per year with minutes)
2. Fifteen Year Comprehensive Plan (2006-2020)

INTRODUCTION:

This work plan is intended to give a general overview of the accomplishment goals for 2021, not be a blueprint of what will or will not be done. Issues such as funding, weather, harvesting activity and workload will ultimately impact what will be accomplished. Due to unforeseen circumstances it maybe expedient and prudent to perform more of one activity at the expense of another, with the understanding that at another time the situation may be reversed.

TIMBER SALE ADMINISTRATION:

There are seven active timber sale contracts on the county forest. Normal administrative procedures for timber sales include:

- Advertising the sale and negotiating the contract.
- Meeting with the purchaser before the job is started to go over the sale requirements.
- Routinely inspecting the sale once the harvest has started to confirm contract compliance.
- Collecting load tickets and tracking the volume and type of wood being harvested.
- Making sure landing and road repair is done properly following the harvest.
- Balancing the sale ledger and completing the cutting report at sale close out.

TIMBER SALE PLANNING AND ESTABLISHMENT:

The goals for timber sale establishment and sale in 2021 are:

- Approximately 115 acres of timber will be set up and sold.
- All of the acres will be even-aged harvests with reserve trees and reserve pockets of trees.

Normal sale establishment procedures include:

- Consulting the compartment reconnaissance to determine harvest needs for the year.
- Inspecting the scheduled stands to determine if a harvest is appropriate.
- Marking the timber to be sold in a manner appropriate for the type of sale.
- Preparing a sale prospectus and completing the cutting notice.

FOREST RECONNAISSANCE:

- The goal for compartment reconnaissance in 2021 is 354 acres.
- Reconnaissance of completed timber sales will be done as they are closed out.
- Regeneration surveys will be performed on stands recently harvested.

TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT:

- Invasive treatments with herbicides will be performed on timber sale areas before they are sold.

REFORESTATION:

Natural regeneration is anticipated on the mature sites that will be harvested.

FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES:

The normal activities associated with the Karner blue butterfly program and the maintenance of wildlife openings will continue during 2021.

A one acre prescribed burn will be completed to promote native grasses and forbs.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING
THE
MONROE COUNTY FOREST ANNUAL WORK PLAN - 2021

WHEREAS, it is required that the Monroe County Board of Supervisors approve the Monroe County Forest Annual Work Plan (see attached); and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Natural Resources and Extension Committee has reviewed and approved the attached plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe County Board of Supervisors that they do hereby approve the attached Annual Work Plan for the calendar year of 2021 for the Monroe County Forest.

Dated this 26th of August 2020.

Offered by the NATURAL RESOURCES and EXTENSION COMMITTEE.

Purpose: To approve this Annual Forest Work Plan for the calendar year of 2021; which will allow Monroe County to apply for the County Forest Administrator Grant.

Fiscal Note: Revenue from the County Forest Administrator Grant from the WDNR will be approximately $48,000.00 ad be incorporated into the annual budget.

Drafted by Chad Ziegler.

Reviewed as to form on _____

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Andy Kaftan, Corporation Counsel

Finance Vote (If required):
_____ Yes _____ No _____ Absent

Committee of Jurisdiction Forwarded on:_____20_____
____ Yes ____ No ____ Absent

Committee Chair: _____

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❑ ADOPTED ❑ FAILED ❑ AMENDED

❑ OTHER _____

County Board Vote on:_____20__

_____Yes _____No _____Absent

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF MONROE
I, SHELLEY R. BOHL, Monroe County Clerk, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution #_____ acted on by the County Board of Supervisors at the meeting held on _____.

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SHELLEY R. BOHL, MONROE COUNTY CLERK
(A raised seal certifies an official document)