

The Dodge County Land and Water Conservation Committee met on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 8:15 A.M., in the First Floor Conference Rooms, Rooms 1F & 1G, Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Bischoff at 8:15 am.
2. Members present: William Foley, William Muche, Lisa Derr, Dale Macheel, Larry Bischoff, Allen Behl and James Qualmann.

Others present: Other staff and non-committee members included John Bohonek, County Conservationist, Anthony Johnson, NRCS, MaryAnn Miller, County Board Member and Becky Justmann, LWCD.
3. No public comment.
4. A motion was made by Allen Behl and seconded by William Muche to approve the February 25, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.
5. Other Agency monthly updates:
 - Anthony Johnson, NRCS reported that the 3rd round of funding for 2019 is going on. NRCS is getting ready for the Quality Assurance conference this spring.
 - No report from Farm Service Agency due to no representative at the meeting.
6. Bills and Revenue were reviewed by John Bohonek.
7. The Farmland Preservation software program is getting there. Have met with Tom several times in the last few weeks.
8. Town of Beaver Dam and Burnett have been contacted regarding well testing and have responded.
9. Update on Animal Waste Ordinance Violation.
 - John Bohonek was contacted by the owner's daughter informing him that there is an accepted offer on the property. She was inquiring what was needed to be done to be able to move forward. John sent the letter that Corp Counsel had put together that was sent previously. He also sent a list of certified Engineers. John has been contacted by one of the engineers.
 - John informed the committee that there is also a violation in the Town of Lowell regarding a manure pit put in under a barn. He has contacted them and they are working with an Engineer.
 - A number of Counties are revising their manure ordinances.
10. Reports from March 13-15 WLWCA Annual Conference.
 - Lisa Derr shared a power point presentation with the Committee.

- Systems Thinking – Think Water.
 - Talked about looking at the bigger picture.
 - Larry Bischoff shared information regarding the breakout sessions he attended.
 - Talked about what Grant, Lafayette and Iowa County are doing with their well testing.
 - Suck the Muck: Removal of Instream Legacy Sediments from Dorn Creek. Found the numbers interesting.
 - Session regarding the CREP program.
 - Dale Macheel shared information regarding the breakout sessions he attended
 - Suck the Muck session. He also found it very interesting.
 - Invasive Plants session. Shared a flyer that showed the plants.
 - Climate change session.
 - Calming the Storm: Communication During Conflict.
 - Reintroduction of Elk into WI.
 - John Bohonek
 - Spoke regarding putting a committee together in Dodge County with various departments involved to address drinking water issues in Dodge County.
11. Update on 9-Key Element Plans
 - Wildcat Creek Plan has been approved by the DNR.
 - Now working on the Lake Sinissippi plan.
 12. Dodge County Posters at the State Conservation Awareness Poster Contest.
 - One 1st place, one 2nd place and two 3rd place posters.
 13. Everyone received the Annual report in their packet.
 14. Update on Summer Intern.
 - Four applications so far. Will be reviewing applications after the deadline of March 29, 2019.
 15. Tree Sale update.
 - There are around 300 trees still available for sale. Should be no problem getting them sold. John will be contacting them later this week to set up a date for pick up.
 16. Committee Member Reports
 - Lake Sinissippi – Bill Muche
 - There is about 175 feet of rip rap that needs to be finished on Anthony Island.
 - Fishery was held. Travis with the DNR spoke. There is a carp issue in the Lake.
 - Extra water testing will be done April – August for water quality.
 - DNR has \$1500 available for weed spraying.
 - \$2000 available to remove sediment in Dead Creek and Marban ditch.
 - Beaver Dam Lake – William Foley
 - Had their banquet with around 270 people in attendance.

- 45 signatures still needed for Association to move forward to becoming a district.
 - There has been 90 property changes on the Lake.
 - Plan to present Beaver Dam Lake Plan to the DNR next week.
 - Beaver Dam school will be starting a Conservation Program project in the High School for May 2020.
 - Fox Lake District – Dale Macheel
 - Have had 2 meetings.
 - Drew Creek tile valve easement moving forward.
 - Tabled weed harvesting bids.
 - Mike Cypert is working on Slag cost.
 - Waste Water Plant has been having surcharge for copper in the water. Looking into where it is coming from.
 - Will be using same company as last year for weed cutting.
 - Discussing who will be doing the Fox Lake – Lake Plan.
 - Discussion regarding a letter received from a farmer in the area regarding the district renting his farm land.
17. A motion to approve the Per Diems made by Allen Behl and seconded by Lisa Derr. Motion carried.
18. Next meeting will be April 22, 2019 at 8:15 a.m.
19. Motion to adjourn meeting was made by James Qualmann and seconded by Allen Behl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.



Larry Bischoff/Chair



Lisa Derr/Secretary