

**The Dodge County Land and Water Conservation Committee met on Monday, October 28, 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.**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Allen Behl at 8:15 a.m.

Members present: William Muche, William Foley, Lisa Derr, Allen Behl, Dale Macheel and James Qualmann.

Member(s) absent: Larry Bischoff

Others present: Other staff and non-committee members included County Conservationist John Bohonek, Natural Resource Conservation Service Soil Conservationist Anthony Johnson, USDA-APHIS Wildlife Specialist Mike Burg, Public Health Officer Abby Sauer and LWCD Administrative Secretary Becky Justmann.

There was no public comment.

Motion by James Qualmann and seconded by William Muche to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

**Other Agency Monthly Updates**

- Anthony Johnson with Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
  - No new information since the September meeting.
- Farm Service Agency
  - No update due to no representative at the meeting.

Bills and revenue were reviewed by John Bohonek.

**Wildlife Crop Damage Program/2020 Program Budget/2019 Crop Prices**

- Mike Burg USDA-APHIS Wildlife Specialist reviewed the handout he gave to the Committee members. The budget remains about the same as last year. Wildlife damage includes deer donation.
- 2020 Budget-\$36,869.46. Motion to approve the 2020 budget by Lisa Derr and seconded by Dale Macheel. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the crop prices by William Muche and seconded by Lisa Derr. Motion carried.

**2019-2020 Tree Sale**

- Tree brochures were sent out early October.
- LWCD has 20,800 trees ordered. This amount will be finalized and adjusted after the January 31, 2020 tree brochure order deadline.
- John explained to the committee how he determines how many trees the LWCD orders.

### 5 Year Well Testing Program Resolution

- The approval of the 5 year well testing program will be postponed until the November LWCC meeting. Waiting to get final cost from UW Stevens Point for the 5 year plan. Currently have the cost for the 2020 budget but need a dollar amount for the 5 year plan. After this amount is received it will go to the Finance committee for discussion. The resolution will go to the County Board in December.

### Animal Waste Storage Update

- 3 storage units being built. 2 are completed and 1 is continuing to be worked on.
- Discussion was had regarding the 3 storage units that have issues
  - Adam Zimmerman has had an Engineer look at his current storage unit.
  - John will be drafting a letter to send out to Heritage Swine regarding their storage unit.
  - Clyman – LWCD has a document from an Engineer stating the storage unit is not up to code. Waiting for something from the Engineer stating what is needed to be done to bring the storage unit up to code. John will be contacting Corp Counsel to move forward. Need to get a letter sent out to new owner explaining what needs to be done by them and what the penalties will be if this is not taken care of.

### Farmland Preservation Software Update/Notices of Non-Compliance

- The software is completed. There are a few glitches that the County IT Department is working on. Final payment has been submitted.
- No Notices of Non-Compliance.

### Land and Water Resource Management Program Conservation Practices Update

- John reviewed the report with the committee.
- 5 projects will be carried over to next year and will be done in the spring.

### Committee Member Reports

- Lake Sinissippi – William Muche
  - Meeting was held 10/8/19.
  - They were updated on the Lake draw down.
  - Water quality monitoring.
  - \$3000 spent on fish stocking. Visited the fish farm.
  - More work will be done on Anthony Island in 2020.
  - Waiting for information from DNR regarding carp removal.
  - Working on a farmer/lake owner meet and greet.
- Beaver Dam Lake – William Foley
  - Grass seed has been planted on Skunk Island. They will be taking down some trees.
  - Buoys have been removed from the Lake.

- Representatives Born and Plumer have been in contact with the DNR regarding the 3 state owned properties that are in the Lake Management Plan that are in need of restoration and maintenance. Born and Plumer will be putting together a budget for the DNR as to what the cost would be to cover the restoration and maintenance of these properties.
- Fox Lake – Dale Macheel
  - Distribution has been arranged for the cereal rye seed that FLPO and the Lake District have supplied to area farmers. \$12,000 worth of seed was purchased by the 2 groups with about 100 acres of seed still available.
  - Audit has started.
  - Neal O'Reilly has started the Lake Management Plan.
  - The Easement for Drew Creek water monitoring with the Prison Farm is not moving forward. A meeting is being scheduled to discuss possible changes.
  - Possible grant money or low interest rate loans may be available to help cover the cost of liner at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
  - Will be meeting with the DNR regarding future action of the JUG.

Motion by Dale Macheel and seconded by James Qualmann to approve the Per Diems. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held November 25, 2019 at 8:15 am.

By order of the Chair the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

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Larry Bischoff/Chair

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Lisa Derr/Secretary



