

The Dodge County Land and Water Conservation Committee met on Monday, December 16, 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 Chair Larry Bischoff at 8:15 a.m.

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

Member(s) absent: None

Others present: Other staff and non-committee members included County Conservationist John Bohonek, FSA/CED Matt Peplinski, Dodge County Administrator James Mielke, Corporation Counsel Kimberly Nass and LWCD Becky Justmann.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Lisa Derr and seconded by Allen Behl to approve the minutes from the November 25, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Other Agency Monthly Updates

- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
 - No representative present
- Matt Peplinski FSA
 - General sign up has opened for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) on 12/9/19 with a deadline of 2/28/20.
 - Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program signup deadline has been extended to 12/20/19.
 - ARC signup is till March 15, 2020.
 - Hemp producers can now obtain farm loans.

Bills and Revenue were reviewed by John Bohonek.

Update Well Testing Program

- The well testing program resolution will go before the County Board on December 17, 2019. John Bohonek will be attending the Board meeting to answer any questions the Board members may have.
- William Muche shared with the Committee a December 8, 2019 Journal Sentinel 4 page article on Mega Farms and liquid manure and the problems that are happening in the state. Bill talked about the need to get to the source and make changes to prevent problems from happening. Lisa Derr referred to Dodge County's new well testing program. The new program will help with finding the sources by the tracking of wells.
- Further discussion regarding manure regulations and Nutrient Management plans.

Motion by Allen Behl and seconded by Dale Macheel to approve the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) 2020 dues of \$1660.00 along with \$55.00 to the Envirothon and \$350.00 to the Standard Oversight Council. Total \$2065.00. Motion carried.

Update on Poster/Speaking Contest

- All the information has been sent out. Poster contest date is January 28, 2020 and Speaking contest date is January 27, 2020. LWCD will be sending out reminder emails.

Motion by Lisa Derr and seconded by Allen Behl to not increase the 2020 Manure Storage Ordinance Fees. Motion carried.

Motion by Lisa Derr and seconded by Allen Behl to approve the donation of \$1500.00 to the Dodge County Farmer Led group for 2020. Motion carried. Lisa asked the committee to consider possible donation to the Lake District groups also in 2021.

Update on MDV Money to Dodge County

- John explained the MDV process to the committee. It is a voluntary program. If a County chooses not to use their funds the money will be split up to the Counties that have accepted funds. Dodge County could possible receive \$38,811.72.
- John will be applying later next week. Will know by March and have a year to write a plan.
- They will identify and assess ways to reduce phosphorus. Focus will be on producers. Will be used for hard practices such as barnyard abandonment, grass water ways, etc.

Animal Waste Storage Update

- Heritage Swine has hired a structural engineer to do the analysis and come up with recommendations.
- Adam Zimmerman - Engineer has done a soil investigation. A structural investigation/analysis needs to be done by January meeting. Permit application and fee has been taken care of.
- Clyman - John and Corp Council reviewed the ordinance. The structure does not meet the requirements of the ordinance. They are not using it so is not out of compliance. A letter will be drafted and sent to the landowner with the options he has. He can either abandon or bring it up to code if he chooses to use the structure.

Farmland Preservation update on software development

- LWCD is continuing to use the software. There have been a few minor issues and they are working on correcting them. Final payment has been made. The company will be putting a bill together for the upgrades on the software.

Land and Water Resource Management Program Conservation Practices update

- There are 3 practices that will be carried over into 2020. Rest of the project are good.

Committee Member Reports

- Lake Sinissippi District – William Muche
 - Meeting was held 12/10/19.
 - Eric Olson from UW Stevens Point gave a 1 hour presentation on strategic planning for the Lake.
 - April 1-3 there is a workshop being held in Stevens Point.
 - Will be having a meeting 1/7/20 to discuss the Carp issue.
- Beaver Dam Lake – William Foley
 - Completed shoreline recession survey using Dodge County GIS mapping tools.
 - Identified three natural shoreline segments with extensive erosion.
- Fox Lake – Dale Macheel
 - Meeting was held on 12/6/19.
 - Water lily problem was tabled to next meeting.
 - Continued discussion regarding easement with prison farm. Waiting on memoranda.
 - Contract for weed removal was approved.
 - Fox Lake Preservation Organization has approved up to \$6,000.00 to help with the Hammer/Kavazanjian slag project.
 - FLILPARD has also approved up to \$6000.00 to help with the Hammer/Kavazanjian slag project.

Motion by Allen Behl and seconded by William Muche to approve Per Diems. Motion carried.

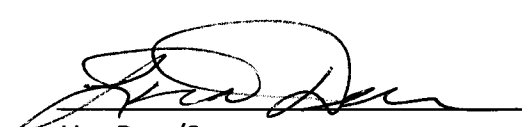
Next meeting will be held on January 27, 2020 at 8:15 a.m.

Upcoming events – WI Land & Water Conservation Association Annual Conference is being held March 4-6, 2020 in Green Bay. If any committee members are interested in going please fill out paperwork and get it back to John. Registration is due by 2/1/20. He will take care of getting the registration and reservation for those interested in going.

Motion by Lisa Derr and seconded by Dale Macheel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.


Larry Bischoff/Chair


Lisa Derr/Secretary