

MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2020
Manitowoc County Office Complex
Room 300

Chairperson Cathy Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

Roll Call: Cathy Wagner, Biff Hansen, Michael Slattery, Ted Hoffman, Tyler Martell, Bob Cavanaugh and Jon Neils, were present.

Also in attendance were: Jerry Halverson and Cheyenne Mueller - Soil & Water Conservation Department and Matt Rataczak – Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Biff Hansen. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Motion was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Tyler Martell to approve the May 21, 2020 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Budget Review: Reviewed annual budget ending May 31, 2020.

Soil & Water Resource Management Grant Program - Cost – Share Contracts: Motion was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Jon Neils to approve contracts as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resource Conservationist Position Update: Cheyenne Mueller and Laura Adams were recently hired to fill vacant Resource Conservationist positions. Cheyenne Mueller introduced herself to the committee.

Producer Led Grant Program Interest Generation: Jerry Halverson informed the committee that information regarding the program was sent to over 1,000 people through newsletters and Facebook. They were asked to contact our department for additional information if interested. No responses as of this date.

Land & Water Resource Management Plan Five Year Review: A video produced by Lisa Trumble of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection, explaining the process and importance of the plan was viewed. Jerry Halverson then presented high-lights of progress implementing the plan over the past five years.

2019 Activity Report: Jerry Halverson distributed the report to the committee for their review. Further discussion will take place during our next meeting.

Animal Waste Ordinance Violations: One violation in the Town of Gibson for applying manure and not incorporating within 48 hours on land that drains to a sinkhole and for applying manure on land within 300 feet of a tile surface inlet and not incorporating within 48 hours.

Natural Resource Conservation Service 2020 Program Update: Matt Rataczak presented information on the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, and Conservation Reserve Program.

Farm Service Agency 2020 Program Update: Mike Slattery stated that the Farm Service Agency Committee has been working on six or seven conservation related issues for non-compliance with program requirements.

Next Meeting: Is scheduled for September 17, 2020 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Biff Hansen at 6:13 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Halverson, Department Director