

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, January 4, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM. Those present were Kristi Leonard, Peg Sheaffer, Dudley Timm, Jeff Williams Nick Hartwig, Sue Nelson, Tess Wallner, Tonya Gratz, Jason Thomas, Tim Jackson, Jim McNeely, and Todd Jenson.

A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Hartwig to approve the November minutes. Motion carried.

The committee audited the bills in the amount of \$13,869.11. A motion was made by Nelson, second by Timm to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Tim Jackson, DATCP, spoke on the Farmland Preservation Program. Green County's Farmland Preservation plan is set to expire December 31, 2024. The grant deadline for funding of the writing of this plan is April 15. It was decided to do some outreach to see if there is interest and bring it back for the March meeting.

The committee voted on the conservation posters. First place in grades K-1 was Wesley Frei of Black Hawk. First place in grades 2-3 was Mariajose Torres, second was Relena Lindert, and third was Cameron Junk. All of these students are from St. Victors. First place in grades 4-6 was Aydin Sobacki, second was Samuel Grossmann, and third was Landen Shippy. All of these students are from Monroe Middle School. First place in grades 7-9 was Madeline Cleveland, Homeschool, second was Jayde Hawkinson, Monroe Middle School, and third was Elise Rear, Brodhead Middle School.

Jenson passed out materials for the state conference. If anyone wants to attend, please let him know by the next monthly meeting.

Jenson informed the committee he has been working on end of the year reports, getting cost-share agreements completed, and has one project for carryover next year.

Thomas informed the committee Teresa Zimmer retired. Dawn Oliver went to the farm loan team. The Dane County CED is covering Green County. They have a continuing resolution until January 19. The farm bill was extended to September 30, 2024. Kristin and Ashley both left for other employment. Becky Hardyman is starting January 23.

Wallner informed the committee the tree orders are done, with 6720 sold. She attended a soil health and water quality conference. The Green County Clean Waters group is holding a potluck next Wednesday night.

Gratz informed the committee the Farmers of the Sugar River annual meeting is February 9 at the Albany Lions Club. She has been working on the annual report for the Farmers of the Sugar River. She has 5 or 6 WiWiC conservation plans to write.

There were no committee concerns.

There were no public comments.

There was nothing in any other business.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, February 8, beginning at 9:30 AM. A motion was made by Hartwig, second by Sheaffer to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.