

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, January 5, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM. Those present were Kristi Leonard, Peg Sheaffer, Dudley Timm, Jeff Williams, Tonya Gratz, Teresa Zimmer, Tess Wallner, Jason Thomas, and Todd Jenson.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved on a motion by Williams, second by Timm. Motion carried.

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$6049.81. A motion was made by Sheaffer, second by Williams to approve the bills. Motion carried.

The conservation posters were judged. In grades 2 – 3, first place was Charlotte Stuessy of St. Victors, second was Ivy Mickibben of St. Victors, and third was Caspian McCarthy of St. Victors. In grades 4 – 6, first place was Pearl Hillary of St. Victors, second was Oliver Hardacre of St. Victors, and third was Elena Boston of Albrecht Middle. In grades 7 – 9, first place was Telina Gratz of Monroe Middle, and second was Teresa Gratz of Monroe Middle. In grades 10 – 12, first place was Sophia Roth, Homeschool.

Information packets for the Wisconsin Land and Water Conference were handed out to the members.

Jenson informed the committee he has been looking for a truck to purchase, but has not found the right one yet.

Jenson handed out cost-share applications received to date. The signup is not completed yet.

Gratz gave an educational demonstration on a study she had performed last Spring and Summer. The study was to compare soil temperatures on no-till, tilled, cover crops, and manured fields.

Jenson informed the committee he has been working on end of the year activities and some CREP contracts.

Thomas informed the committee their office has been working on 25 EQIP applications, and has been training Emily and Kristin.

Wallner informed the committee 6920 trees have been ordered. 8 of the 16 species offered were sold out. The Green County Clean Waters producer led group plans to have a meeting this month to decide how to allocate their grant award.

Zimmer informed the committee that Jim McNeely was reelected to their committee. ARCPLC is underway, with March 15 being the deadline for choosing which option. The deadline for DMC is January 31. A new employee started Tuesday. Zimmer started shared management with Rock County and plans to be there 2 – 3 times per week.

Gratz informed the committee she has been helping plan the annual meeting for the Farmers of the Sugar River, planned for February 21. She has been working on year end paperwork for the producer led group.

In committee concerns, Sheaffer asked about the nitrogen optimization pilot project.

There were no public comments.

There was nothing in any other business.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 2, beginning at 9:30 AM.

A motion was made by Williams, second by Timm to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35AM.