

# LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE March 12, 2019 - MINUTES

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Robert Schweder, Chairman, at 10:00AM on March 12, 2019 in the Committee Room #0903 of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present:
Robert Schweder
Patti Garro
Andrew Bender, FSA Member

Excused: Bill Boutwell Katie Mehn

Staff Present: Paul Gunderson

Heidi Weishaar

Others Present: Jake VanDeBerg

Steve Krueger

Harley Reabe

#### **MINUTES**

**Motion/second** (<u>Garro /Bender</u>) to approve and file the December 13, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

# **APPEARANCES**

Jake VanDeBerg gave an FSA update.

#### **WILDLIFE DAMAGE**

**Motion/second** (<u>Garro /Bender</u>) to approve an exemption for Steven Vinz regarding his shortfall in deer damage quota due to the hunters misunderstanding of whose tags they were between Steven Vinz and Daniel Vinz. Together, the deer shot exceeded what was required.

Motion/second (Garro /Bender) to approve 2018 claims in the amount of \$57,890.57. Motion carried.

#### **MONTHLY STAFF REPORT & UPCOMING PROJECTS**

Written report was reviewed

#### LAKE AND RIVER REPORT

Written report was reviewed

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

The 2018 annual report was presented and discussed.

#### **CLEAN SWEEP**

Gunderson informed the committee about the company, Resource Solutions, who will be handling the ewaste and white goods at Clean Sweep this year at a substantial savings to the county.

# **ARBOR DAY**

Gunderson discussed this year's speaker, PJ Liesch, along with the date and time of the program.

# **POSTER CONTEST**

Local and area place winners were shown on a handout and a thank you card from one of the winners was read.

#### **FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM**

272 Annual Compliance Self Certifications were mailed out on February 8, 2019. Gunderson reported that to date 128 recipients completed online certification and 75 have been received in the mail.

## **DATCP/COUNTY COST-SHARE CONTRACTS**

**SWANKE** 

Motion/second (Garro/Bender) to approve cost-share contracts. Motion carried.

#### **GREEN LAKE COUNTY BUFFER PROGRAM**

*Motion/second (Garro/Bender)* to approve contracts for 1.) WALDVOGEL, 2.) HEIN & DRAEGER, 3.) ROBIN & ANN HEIN REVOCABLE TRUST and 4.) WERCH.

# **UPPER FOX/WOLF RIVER WATERSHED DEMONSTRATION FARMS**

Gunderson explained the details of the Upper Fox/Wolf Demonstration Farms Network and how it will affect Green Lake County.

#### **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

Gunderson talked about Governor Evers proposed budget which allocates \$10.4 million annually for county land conservation staffing and cost-sharing grants. This would be the highest funding amount in over a decade.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

# **COMMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- Future Meeting Dates: April 11, 2019 at 9:00AM in the Committee Room #0903 of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake.
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion

# **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM .

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar

Recorder