



LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
March 12, 2020 - MINUTES

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Robert Schweder, Chairman, at 9:00AM on March 12, 2020 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
Katie Mehn
Bill Boutwell
Steve Draeger, FSA Member

Excused:
Patti Garro

Staff Present: Paul Gunderson
Heidi Weishaar

Others Present: Harley Reabe
Asa Plonsky

MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Mehn) to approve and file the February 13, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPEARANCES

None

GOLDEN SANDS UPDATE – ASA PLONSKY

Asa updated the committee on Golden Sands activity and the Central Wisconsin Invasive Partnership.

MONTHLY STAFF REPORT & UPCOMING PROJECTS

Written report was reviewed

LAKE AND RIVER REPORT

Oral report was given

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

About 50 landowners have yet to return their Annual Certification either through the mail or fill their form out online.

DATCP/COUNTY COST-SHARE CONTRACTS

None at this time.

WELL TESTING PROGRAM

Gunderson explained the entire process from application to collection. The program was a success thanks to the collaborated efforts put forth by the Water Quality Task Force.

ANNUAL REPORT

Gunderson reviewed the annual report with committee.

POSTER CONTEST

Unfortunately, our two first place Winnebago Area winners did not place at the State Convention in Green Bay, March 4-6.

ARBOR DAY

We will be starting to advertise next week for the Annual Arbor Day Breakfast scheduled for April 17th. (This event was cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic).

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Letters of support were sent to Representative Joan Ballweg and Senator Luther Olsen for Senate Bill FB723/AB790 for the proposed increase in support for county conservation staff. The letter also thanked both for sponsoring the bill.

CORRESPONDENCE

An email from APHIS was read regarding proposed changes in the future that would eliminate the requirement of county involvement in the Wildlife Damage program.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Dates: April 9, 2020 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 10:03 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar
Recorder