



LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
February 13, 2020 - MINUTES

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Robert Schweder, Chairman, at 9:00AM on February 13, 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: Steve Krueger
Harley Reabe

MINUTES

Motion/second (Mehn /Schweder) to approve and file the December 12, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPEARANCES

None

WILDLIFE DAMAGE – 2019 CLAIMS

Steve Krueger gave an update on the animal activity around the county and asked approval for the 2019 damage claims.

Motion/second (Mehn /Schweder) approved Gneiser claims in the amount of \$1,082.63 based on the approval of the Harvest objective waiver by the committee of three that includes the DNR wildlife manager, USDA and the County Conservationist

Motion/second (Mehn /Schweder) approved Berndt claims in the amount of \$10,000.00 based on the approval of the Harvest objective waiver by the committee of three that includes the DNR wildlife manager, USDA and the County Conservationist

Motion/second (Mehn/Boutwell) to approve 2019 claims in the amount of \$ 59,414.40 . Motion carried.

MONTHLY STAFF REPORT & UPCOMING PROJECTS

Written report was reviewed

LAKE AND RIVER REPORT

Written report was reviewed

POSTER CONTEST

Local (Green Lake County) and Area (Lake Winnebago) place winners were shown on a handout and Gunderson explained that the 1st place winners will get judged at the state level during the WI Land & Water Annual Conference March 4-6 in Green Bay.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

271 Annual Compliance Self Certifications were mailed out on February 3, 2020. Responses are coming in daily both online and in the mail.

DATCP/COUNTY COST-SHARE CONTRACTS

BOERSON, BOERSON FARM LLC, STRELOW LIVING TRUST, JUSTMAN

Motion/second (Mehn/Boutwell) to approve cost-share contracts. Motion carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Gunderson presented a Line Item Transfer request to transfer money between line items due to unforeseen overages. The transfer requests were as follows:

Line Item Transfers:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Training	\$287.00	Print Management
Travel	\$41.65	Wireless Services
Operating Expenses	\$1,131.92	Vehicle Maintenance
Planning Grant (Lake & River Fund)	\$5,502.49	Twin Lakes Improvement

Budget Adjustments:

Gunderson presented a Budget Adjustment request to increase the revenue to Land Conservation by \$19,862.00 due to an overestimation of the DATCP Staff Funding. He also mentioned that due to errors like these, DATCP now publishes preliminary staff funding numbers prior to budget finalization.

WELL TESTING PROGRAM

Letters will be mailed February 24th to notify all 384 applicants if they were chosen to receive a free well water test kit or not. 110 applicants within the Green Lake Watershed were chosen to receive a free kit paid for by the Green Lake Sanitary District. An additional 150 applicants throughout the county will also receive free kits from a grant received via the Health & Human Service Department.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

There has been a public hearing for the proposed bill SB 703 / AB 790 which increases support for County Conservation Staff. There was no opposition during the hearing and it was voted unanimously out of committee. The bill will move onto the Joint Committee of Finance and then on to the Assembly and Senate.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Dates: March 12, 2020 at 9:00AM in the Committee Room #0903 of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake.
- WI Land + Water Annual Conference March 4-6, 2020
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar
Recorder