

# LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE February 10, 2022 - MINUTES

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Robert Schweder, Chairman, at 9:08AM on February 10, 2022 in the County Board Room #0902 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 Ken Bates

Excused: Steve Draeger, FSA Member Patti Garro Bill Boutwell

Staff Present: Paul Gunderson Heidi Weishaar

Others Present: Harley Reabe Maddy Pfaff Charles Lovell

# **MINUTES**

*Motion/second* (*Mehn/Bates*) to approve and file the November 11, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

FEDERAL AGENCY APPEARANCES

None

# FSA MEMBER DISCUSSION

The committee was updated that Steve Draeger will remain the current FSA representative. Per chapter 92.06 of the State Statutes, the LCC may appoint up to two (2) members who are not members of the county board. The LCC will pursue an additional member that can represent the farming community in the event of the FSA representative being unable to attend.

### WILDLIFE DAMAGE – 2021 CLAIMS

Maddy Pfaff, Wildlife Specialist, gave an update on the animal activity around the county and asked for approval of the 2021 damage claims.

*Motion/second* (*Bates/Mehn*) to approve 2021 claims in the amount of <u>\$ 51,407.94</u>. Motion carried.

# NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION - JOCELYN PAUSMA

Jocelyn was born and raised in the Fox Lake area on her parents' dairy farm, where she continues to help, and also serves in the National Guard. Jocelyn looks forward to working with the farmers and landowners in Green Lake County.

# **MONTHLY STAFF REPORT & UPCOMING PROJECTS**

Written report was reviewed.

# LAKE AND RIVER REPORT

Written report was reviewed.

## FARMLAND PRESERVATION UPDATE

The letters for the required Annual Certification and Nutrient Management Plan will be mailed out to the 266 landowners participating in the FPP Program.

## 2021 DEER DONATION UPDATE

13 deer were collected through the program. The meat was processed at LeRoy's Meats in Fox Lake and 350 pounds were donated to the Green Lake County Food Pantry.

## NO-TILL DRILL LEASE

Green Lake County and GLA are working on the lease agreement.

## DATCP/COUNTY COST-SHARE CONTRACTS

WALLACE, SWANKE, PATRICK LAPER TRUST, HUCKLEBERRY HIDEOUT, THORP

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

### ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

After two years of no events due to Covid, we have reserved April 29<sup>th</sup> with the Green Lake Conference Center to resume our Annual Arbor Day Breakfast. Invitations and advertisement will be sent out soon.

### POSTER CONTEST

Gunderson informed the committee of the contest winners and collages of the posters were shown.

# COMMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Date: WI Land+ Water Annual Conference March 2-4, 2022
- Future Meeting Date: March 10, 2022 at 9:00 AM
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion

### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at <u>10:09 AM</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar Recorder