



LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE October 13, 2022 - MINUTES

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Robert Schweder, Committee Chairman, at 9:11 AM on **October 13, 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
Bill Boutwell
Ken Bates
Arnold Dahlke
Nancy Hiestand

Excused:

Steve Draeger, FSA Member

Staff Present: Todd Morris
Heidi Weishaar

Others Present: Charles Lovell, USDA APHIS Wildlife Services
Caleb Zahn, District Conservationist, NRCS (via Teams Meeting online)
Shelly Rothman
Tony Daley (via Teams Meeting online)

MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Dahlke) to approve and file the September 8, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FEDERAL AGENCY APPEARANCES

Caleb Zahn from NRCS reported the EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program) sign up deadline is November 4th. They are planning to finalize contracts by mid-February 2023.

WILDLIFE DAMAGE BUDGET AND CROP APPROVAL

- 1. Motion/second (Boutwell/Bates)** to approve the 2023 budget in the amount of \$ 35,637.35. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion/second (Bates/Hiestand)** to approve the 2022 crop prices as follows: Corn at \$6.35/bushel, Soybeans at \$13.50/bushel, Alfalfa at \$190/ton and Alfalfa/Grass at \$141/ton. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion/second (Dahlke/Boutwell)** to adopt December 31, 2022 as the 90% day that the crops have been harvested. Motion carried.

APPEARANCE – FOXHEAD RAP, SHELLY ROTHMAN, GREENBELT PROPOSAL

Shelly Rothman from Foxhead RAP presented a PowerPoint on their Greenbelt Proposal and land trust goals. Shelly stated how her ideas would help the Land Conservation Department meet our mission statement of “Our highest responsibility is to protect and enhance land and water resources that will sustain current and future generations”. The LCC discussed the need for support of the Greenbelt and a conservation easement program. Chairman Schweder would like a special meeting held to further explain easements and the possibility of the county starting a Land Stewardship Program.

⇒ 9:57 AM – Bill Boutwell left the meeting.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

- **Staff Report**
Written report was reviewed.
- **AIS Update**
Written report was reviewed from Chris Hamerla, Regional Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator.
- **Lake and River Report**
Written report was reviewed.

WELL PROGRAM DISCUSSION

Morris met with Rachel Prellwitz, RN, Green Lake County Health Officer, to discuss the funding needed to facilitate a County well testing program. Discussion was held on targeting areas that tested high in nitrates during the 2020 grant program. The LCC recommended requesting ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding for a 2023 program and then adding funding into the Land Conservation Department budget for future testing and treatment.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Date: November 10, 2022 at 9:00 AM
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar
Recorder