

**MINUTES**  
**Clark County Land Conservation Committee**  
**Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 9 am**  
**Clark County Courthouse, Auditorium**

Committee Members Present: Don Koerner, Martin Nigon – FSA, Chairman Fritz Garbisch, Bryce Luchterhand, Dan Clough. A quorum of the Committee was present.

Committee Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jim Arch – County Conservationist, Sheri Denowski - Conservation Engineer (arrived at 10:28), Shirley Iwanski - Program Assistant.

Fritz G. called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Review of the minutes of previous LCC meetings.

- a. Bryce L. made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting as presented. Seconded by Don K. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Review of vouchers.

- a) Committee reviewed the vouchers for July 2019. Marty N. made the motion to approve the July vouchers as presented. Seconded by Dan C. All ayes. Motion carried.
- b) Vouchers over committee limit. The committee reviewed the invoice for mowing at Sportsman Lake from JJ's Brush Cutting Service in the amount of \$675.00. Dan C. made the motion to approve payment of mowing invoice for \$675.00, seconded by Don K. All ayes. Motion carried

**1. USDA Agency Reports**

- a. **FSA**
  - i. Marty N. reported that there are over 13,000 acres of prevent planting in Clark County.
  - ii. Marty reported he is up for election with FSA this fall, for a term of three years.
- b. **NRCS** - Jim stated there is no report from NRCS.

**2. Land and Water Resource Management Plan**

- a. Jim reported he made a presentation regarding the update of the LWRM plan at the public hearing on August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- b. There was little public comment regarding the plan at the public hearing.
- c. Fritz said we need to get rid of corn and soybeans in Clark County if we are going to protect our resources. Even no-till isn't going to help.
- d. Jim stated that Eau Claire and Jackson County have stricter rules that Clark County.

- e. Jim feels that use of chemicals is causing resistant weeds. He sees water hemp becoming a bigger problem.

### **3. 2020 Department Budget**

- a. Jim went over the budget line by line with the committee.
  - i. Budgeted wages are increasing in 2020, primarily as a result of adding an intern next summer, budgeted for \$9,000, and increasing the program assistant hours from 30 to 35 hours per week.
  - ii. Vehicle maintenance is up in order to include fixing the 2011 Dodge rocker panels.
  - iii. Committee discussed which budget items come from the levy as opposed to grants and the Sportsman Lake budget.
  - iv. Bryce mentioned that the budget report shows an increase of over \$130,000 from last year. Where is that increase coming from? Jim mentioned part of the increase is a result of the DNR large scale TRM grant, which increased from \$122,500 to \$250,000.
  - v. Jim will talk to Terri D. to pin down what part of the budget is from the county levy and where the increase is coming from.
  - vi. Jim said the committee must approve the budget by August 29<sup>th</sup>. The committee will meet again on August 26<sup>th</sup> to approve the budget,

### **4. Land Conservation Department Reports/Updates**

- a. Department trucks
  - i. Jim reported a notice was published regarding bids for the sale of the 2003 Chevy truck. Bids are due by August 30<sup>th</sup>. The committee will open the bids at the September LCC meeting.
- b. Farmland Preservation Plan (FPP)
  - i. Jim reported Amanda continues to work on FPP inspections. She is about half done.
- c. Engineers Report
  - i. Sheri D. provided her Engineer's report to the committee.
    - 1. NRCS has one pit closure which should be finished next week.
    - 2. There are four permitted pits with no action on them. They will receive a letter informing them work must be completed within two years of the date the permit was issued.
- d. Animal Manure Management Ordinance
  - i. Board approval
    - 1. Sheri and Amanda gave a presentation at the public hearing for the AMMO update.

2. Sheri received a call from one of the board members regarding the definition of agriculture waste, which in the definition includes pesticides and herbicides. She asked if that definition should be changed, how and by whom. Fritz said any change should be done before the board vote.
  3. Sheri will update the definition and provide suggested changes at the August 26<sup>th</sup> committee meeting for their approval.
5. Public Comments – No public comment.
6. Next Meeting Date
  - a. Next special committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium.
  - b. Next regular committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium.
7. Adjourn
  - a. Dan C. made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Seconded by Bryce L. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared and submitted to the committee by Shirley Iwanski.