

**MINUTES**

**Clark County Land Conservation Committee**

**Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 9:30 am**

**Clark County Courthouse, Auditorium**

**517 Court Street, Room 102 Neillsville, WI 54456**

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

Committee Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jim Arch – County Conservationist, Amanda Kasparek – Conservation Agronomist, Jesse Haen – NRCS District Conservationist (arrived at 10:05), Sheri Denowski - Conservation Engineer (arrived at 9:40), Shirley Iwanski - Program Assistant.

Fritz G. called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Review of the minutes of previous LCC meetings.

- a. Bryce L. made the motion to approve the minutes from all August meetings – August 15<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup>, as presented. Seconded by Dan C. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Review of vouchers.

- a) Committee reviewed the vouchers for August 2019. Bryce L. made the motion to approve the August vouchers as presented. Seconded by Dan C. All ayes. Motion carried.

**1. USDA Agency Reports**

a. **FSA**

- i. Marty N. provided a written report of FSA programs.
  1. Market Facilitation Program (MFP) signup ends December 6<sup>th</sup>.
  2. Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) signup ends September 20<sup>th</sup>.
  3. ARC/PLC payments are set to come out in October 2019 thru January 2020.
- ii. Marty's report triggered discussion by the committee on recent runoffs and washed out waterways due to the recent heavy rain.

- b. **NRCS** - Jesse Haen arrived later in the meeting – His report is on page two of the minutes.

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

- a. Jim provided a written report of a review of LWRM plan revisions, required by DATCP, including what has been done in the last five years and the future

direction of the plan. Jim said a work plan must be provided to DATCP every year including what plans have been followed or explain, if not followed, why a plan wasn't followed.

- b. Jim said the LWRM plan will be presented to DATCP in Madison on October 1<sup>st</sup>, then it will be presented to the county board on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- c. Marty N. made a motion to approve the review of LWRM Plan revisions, to be signed by Fritz G., seconded by Dan C. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**3. 2003 Chevy Truck Bids**

- a. Fritz G. opened three bids received for the sale of the 2003 Chevy pickup truck. Bids are as follows:

<b>Bid No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Bid Price</b>
1	Jamie Jensen	\$1,800
2	Jonathon Lindner	\$2,020
3	Devon Stern	\$600

- b. Don K. made a motion to accept the high bid of \$2,020 from Jonathon Lindner, seconded by Bryce L. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**4. Sportsman Lake**

- a. Jim reported he found the previous bill to purchase the pier collars was from Shoremaster. He contacted them and the current price for the collars is \$151 plus \$200 flat price for shipping. We need ten collars. In addition we would need ten galvanized posts at \$100 each with an additional \$5 per post to cut them to 16 foot lengths. Posts are 2 ¾" diameter. Total cost would be about \$2,800.
- b. Fur, Fin and Feather has said they will help with the installation. Jim stated we need to wait for the water level to go down before work can begin on the pier.
- c. Dan C. made a motion to approve the purchase of collars and posts for pier repairs for a total cost of approximately \$2,800, seconded by Marty N. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**5. NRCS Report**

- a. Jesse Haen from NRCS arrived at 10:05 a.m. He reported he has been busy with the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). They received 28 applications – 22 were approved.
- b. Jesse said he has been hired until November. There may be another temporary hire after that before a permanent director will be hired.
- c. Sheri asked if there are Environmental Quality Incentives (EQIP) program deadlines coming up. Jesse said there are no solid dates yet. They are working

on the interpretation of the farm bill. The CSP is further along so that cut off will be first.

d. Jesse left the meeting at 10:19.

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

### **a. Animal Manure Management Ordinance**

#### **i. Ordinance violation**

1. Sheri reminded the committee that Jim Johnson had three violations earlier this summer. He hired an engineering firm to design a storage to replace the violation earthen storages. DATCP has recommended we set a deadline of October 1, 2020 to complete the project.
2. Dan C. asked Sheri if she thought the deadline is reasonable or are we giving him too much time. Marty N. felt he would need time to get paperwork done this winter so he can begin work this spring.
3. Don K. asked if it is an earthen pit. Sheri thinks it may be concrete lined, but the design has not been completed yet. He will be closing the two earthen pits.
4. Bryce L. made a motion to give Jim Johnson until October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to complete construction, seconded by Marty N. All Ayes. Motion carried.

### **b. Engineers Report**

#### **i. Sheri D. provided a written Engineer's report to the committee.**

1. Sheri stated that of the last four waterways completed in August, two are just about a total loss after the heavy rains last week and the other two were damaged, but can be repaired.
2. Sheri left the meeting at 10:30.

### **c. Farmland Preservation Plan (FPP)**

- i.** Amanda reported she will be finishing up FPP inspections next week. The biggest concern she has noticed this year during her inspections is the number of wells which need to be closed. Also, the setback rules for wells is not being followed.
- ii.** Marty asked if we are fining anyone who is not doing required Nutrient Management Plans. Amanda said we have not – at least not until the AMMO ordinance has passed county board.
- iii.** Amanda will be giving a soil layer presentation this Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Greenwood School. They are expecting up to 325 students and their parents.

**7. Cover Crop demo field day**

- a. Jim reported that the next field day will be on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Clark Turner farm field demo plot.
  - i. Jim said that there are 17 rows of the interseeded plot with no cover crop coming up. It appears there was miscommunication and it was not planted the way Jim had requested.
  - ii. Cereal rye will be planted in late October.

**8. Wisconsin Land + Water Conservation Association**

- a. Bryce mentioned that the next West Central area meeting is October 9<sup>th</sup> in Dunn County. He may be going to that meeting.

9. Public Comments – No public comment.

**10. Next Meeting Date**

- a. Next regular committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. at the courthouse in Room 307.

**11. Adjourn**

- a. Don K. made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m. Seconded by Marty N. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared and submitted to the committee by Shirley Iwanski.