

## LWCC MEETING MINUTES

### VERNON COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 MEETING WebEx

#### **Present:**

Committee: Will Beitlich-Chairman, Kevin Larson-Vice-Chair, Frank Easterday, Kelli Mitchell, and Rod Ofte

Staff: Ben Wojahn, Sarah McDowell, Matt Albright, Monique Hassman, Marty Kennedy, and Mark Erickson

Guests: Christine Walrath-WI DNR, Jim Munsch-Grazing Consultant, Cari Redington-County Administrator, Phil Peterson-USDA-APHIS, Dustin-Wild Rose Dairy, Sam Skemp-NRCS

1. Call to Order  
Beitlich called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.
2. Affirmation of Proper Public Notice of meeting  
Wojahn affirmed.
3. Review (amend if needed) and approve minutes from January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting.  
A motion was made by Easterday to approve the minutes, second by Mitchell. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Review and Approve Bills for Payment  
A motion was made by Ofte to approve the bills for payment, second by Larson. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Agency Reports (NRCS, DNR, FSA, RC &D, UW-Ext., any others)  
Sam Skemp with NRCS spoke about their deadlines approaching and the Wetland Reserve Program. Christine Walrath with WI DNR spoke about a virtual workshop for DNR Forestry on February 24<sup>th</sup>.
6. Audience to Visitors  
None
7. Schedule next LWCC meeting(s)  
March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 a.m.
8. Wildlife Damage Claim Review and Approval (Phil Peterson-USDA-APHIS)  
Phil Peterson with USDA-APHIS announced two damage claims that he recommended approving, Ethan Bolstad and Will Buckles. A motion was made to approve these two claims by Ofte, second by Larson. All ayes, motion carried.
9. Manure Ordinance Update  
Wojahn stated that the committee has been formed and public meetings have been scheduled. He stated that the fees aren't great enough, they will be based on what the farmer does when the spill happens and if they follow the correct procedures.
10. Manure Storage and Livestock Siting Application Update

Wild Rose gave the committee each a copy of their plan. Dustin with Wild Rose was on the call and said they dropped it off to the office 15 days ago, the department is working on the review and has reached out to the DNR with a question. Larson made a motion to move it on as long as Matt gets his answers from DNR, second by Mitchell. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Accounts Manager Report

McDowell gave the balances in all the accounts and discussed the VSN shared position balance.

12. Watershed Planning Update

Jim Munsch who is a Grazing Specialist spoke about the work that he has done with Monique in the Tainter Watershed. He spoke very highly of the work that Monique has done as the Watershed Planner.

13. Update on Runge Hollow Easement

Wojahn stated there is nothing new to report, Nikki served the Gald's.

14. Reports from Committee Members and Announcements

Tree Sale is currently going on, currently we are over our presale amount for all past years.

Friends of Vernon County Parks Group is hosting Winter Hikes which have been very popular so far and showcases our different parks.

We are currently working on our new camping reservation system.

15. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mitchell, second by Larson. All ayes, motion carried.