

LWCC MEETING MINUTES

VERNON COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE May 14th, 2020 MEETING WebEx Meeting

Present:

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

Staff: Ben Wojahn, Sarah McDowell

Guests: Mary Henry-County Board, Alycann Taylor-County Board

1. Call to Order
Beitlich called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.
2. Affirmation of Proper Public Notice of meeting
Wojahn affirmed.
3. Election of Officers
Will Beitlich was elected Chairman, All ayes, motion carried.
Kevin Larson was elected Vice Chairman, All ayes, motion carried.
4. Review (amend if needed) and approve minutes from the March 12th, 2020 meeting.
A motion was made by Mitchell to approve the minutes, second by Larson. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Review and Approve Bills for Payment
A motion was made by Larson to approve the bills for payment, second by Easterday. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Agency Reports (NRCS, DNR, FSA, RC &D, UW-Ext., any others)
None
7. Audience to Visitors
None
8. Schedule next LWCC meeting(s)
June 11th @ 9:30 a.m.
July 9th @ 9:30 a.m.
9. Blackhawk Dock Update
Wojahn stated that the old docks have been removed and the new ones are about to be put in.
10. Camping Update
Camping is set to open on Tuesday, May 26th. There was discussion to open earlier since the stay at home order was lifted, the committee was split. They asked us to contact Goose Island and some State Parks to see what they are doing. Then Ben will contact Will to make a final decision. Signs will be posted about Covid-19 safety and the importance of social distancing.
11. Esofea Shower Building Update

Wojahn stated that the guys are putting the finishing touches on the shower building at Esofea and it should be open for this season of camping. Many pictures of the progress were on a slideshow.

12. Approval of Esofea Electric Upgrade

Wojahn stated that they are already digging and running trenches for water lines would be easier right now. A motion to approve the upgrade was made by Larson, second by Easterday. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Jersey Valley FEMA Repairs

Wojahn stated that this hasn't happened yet due to all the other big projects that the guys have been working on.

14. Public Hearing Postponement Update

A motion was made to postpone all public hearings until further notice by Easterday, second by Mitchell. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Missouri Gravel Bed Update

Wojahn stated that they gravel bed is completed and being used with trees from our tree sale.

16. Water Testing Update

McDowell stated that due to Covid-19 the dates for the water testing have been moved back and the first sampling date will be October 26th and then there will be another one in Spring of 2021.

17. Watershed Planning Update

Wojahn stated that the engineer has been selected for the large Watershed Planning grant.

18. Approval of New Building Lease

Wojahn stated that this was taken care of at the last meeting.

19. Reports from Committee Members and Announcements

McDowell announced that the Tree Sale was very successful which took place as a Drive Thru pick up last week.

McDowell also announced that there was a tree planting event last Saturday in which we had about 40 volunteers at from the Friends of Group.

20. Adjourn Meeting

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