

LWCC MEETING MINUTES

VERNON COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE June 11th, 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, Marty Kennedy, Nick Gilman, and Mark Erickson

Guests: Justin Running-County Board Chairman, Brandon Larson-Emergency Management

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. Review (amend if needed) and approve minutes from the May 14th, 2020 meeting.
A motion was made by Ofte to approve the minutes, second by Mitchell. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Review and Approve Bills for Payment
A motion was made by Easterday 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)
None
6. Audience to Visitors
None
7. Schedule next LWCC meeting(s)
July 9th @ 9:30 a.m. @ Esofea Park
August 13th @ 9:30 a.m. @ Blackhawk Park
8. Blackhawk Dock Update
Kennedy stated that the docks are in and functional. He showed before and after pictures of the old versus new docks and the difference is incredible.
9. Camping Update
Kennedy stated that Camping was closed until May 26th due to Covid-19. We got a late start to the season but now it has been super busy. He hopes that the recent upgrades will be well used this year and into the future.
10. Esofea Shower Building Update
Kennedy stated that the Building is about complete and about to open to the public. You will be able to see all the Esofea improvements at our next meeting at Esofea.
11. Approval of Esofea Streambank project
Wojahn stated that this has already been approved but he wanted to give an update on it. The project is about to start with Matt taking the lead along with Nick's help.

12. Tally Dam Discussion

Erickson had pictures and discussed that the dam is functioning like we want it to. Justin Running rents the farmland around it and stated that it is swampy in areas it never used to be and the water level is higher. After discussion, Erickson and Running will get together at the dam to look at what is going on at the dam.

13. Watershed Planning Update

Wojahn stated that the engineer has been selected for the large Watershed Planning grant. Right now we are just waiting on the Federal Government.

14. Reports from Committee Members and Announcements

Erickson stated that on June 24th he will be having a public hearing for Victory Quarry at Sidie Hollow to keep it outdoors.

Wojahn discussed the Vernon County Boat Launch closer at Goose Island, LaCrosse County is repairing roads and it is temporarily closed.

15. Adjourn Meeting

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