

Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation Department

December 2017 Director's Report

Reporting/Activity:

- Executed County Farm Cropland high bid with LWCC.
- Multi on-site inspections at Hoard Dairy. Majority of construction completed.
- Began 2017 cost share contract carry over prep work for DATCP.
- Completed excess BMP fund transfer with Marathon County.
- Conference - 2018 expected rule changes - DATCP.
- Completed 3rd round of MUNIS training.
- Dealt with hunters operating on County Farm.
- Attended the DNR Ag Sector Team.
- Attended USDA 313 New Waste Storage workshop.
- \$3,831.10 monthly deposits from grants/programming.

Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

- Finalized Annual Certification mailing which included letter, certification form, and newsletter.
- Issued 3 Certificates of Compliance.
- Completed 1 new FPP enrollment.
- Completed 6 conservation plan revisions.
- Issued 3 Cancellations of Non-compliance.
- Completed in depth review of FPP Fee Schedule.

Nutrient Management /Cost Share:

- Completed 4 BMP cost share contracts.
- Began revamping power point for full NMP class in December, ordered/received binders for students from UWEX, prepared agenda for class.
- Reviewed 2 NMPs for compliance.

GIS:

- New FPP database compiling and testing.
- ArcGIS Server migration testing.
- Non-Metallic mining tracking spreadsheet updates.
- Flood mitigation Property analysis.

Livestock Siting Application Reviews:

- No pending applications.

Animal Waste - Manure Discharge/Complaint:

- Investigated 1 anonymous complaint of over application in Koshkonong Township. No violation found.

Tree Program:

- Receiving new & entering new orders for this season's sales.

Miscellaneous:

- Monthly staff meeting completed.
- Monthly Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting.
- Reviewed and approved monthly P-Card Purchases online.
- Reconciled Sept/Oct financials.
- Day to day office activities.
- Finalize year end staff vacations.

Lakes & Streams:

Lake Koshkonong

- Communicated with a lakeshore owner regarding a drainage issue with his neighbor, and information on the Healthy Lakes program to install lake-friendly conservation practices.

Lake Ripley

- Met with the lake manager at Lake Ripley to share the process that Rock Lake Improvement Association used for updating their lake management plan.
- Answered questions from the lake manager regarding the Rock Lake shoreland and shallows survey as they consider doing one on Lake Ripley.

Lower Spring Lake

- Talked to a DNR lakes specialist about water drawdowns.

Rock Lake

- Attended the Joint Rock Lake Committee and the Rock Lake Improvement Association meetings.
- Worked on the recommendations and report of the updated lake management plan.
- Communicated with RLIA Board members regarding wording of recommendations and sections of the report.

Rock River Coalition

- Attended the Rock River Coalition meeting.

Stream & Lake Sampling Program with volunteers

- Communicated with stream sampling volunteers regarding their equipment and data sheets.
- Communicated with an existing lake monitor and the DNR to get the volunteer set up to enter data into the DNR database.
- Communicated with 3 potential lake monitors regarding the steps to become a monitor; and communicated with the DNR regarding the potential to add more monitors next year.

Aquatic Invasive Species

- Attended the Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinators meeting in Stevens Point to get up to date on programming and to give feedback and input on current and future programs.
- Attended both the City of Lake Mills and Town of Lake Mills meetings to present information regarding the DNR grant applications for Clean Boats, Clean Waters grants on Rock Lake in 2018.