

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

April 21, 2021

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:40 am. Committee members Matt Foelker (Chairperson), Walt Christensen (Vice-Chairperson), Dan Herbst (UWEX Member), Kirsten Jurcek (FSA Rep), and Margaret Burlingham (PACE Rep) were present. Also in attendance were Patricia Cicero, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos (LWCD); and Dean Weichmann, Jefferson County Soil Builders. Mike Kelly (Secretary), and Michelle Probst, Natural Resources Educator, UW-Madison in collaboration with Jefferson County Soil Builders were present via Zoom. John Kannard (UWEX Member) was absent.

- Others in Attendance: Anita Martin (in person) and Frankie Fuller (via Zoom)

2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum):

A quorum was established.

3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law:

It was determined that the committee was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. Review of the April Agenda:

The April agenda was reviewed by the committee members. No changes were proposed.

5. Approval of the March 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

Herbst made a motion to approve the March 17, 2021 meeting minutes as written, Christensen seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

6. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection April 2021 Report.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

NRCS didn't attend the meeting therefore a report was unavailable.

9. Discussion on Departmental Updates:

LWCD has received a new non-metallic application that will be on the May meeting agenda. Multiple Farmland Preservation Program Annual Certifications have been received. Stream monitoring training will held 4/24/2021. Tree Sale distribution is 4/27 - 4/28/2021.

10. Discussion on the Jefferson County Soil Builders:

Weichmann & Probst spoke to the committee about the field day was that held April 14, 2021. It was well attended and informative. A Board of Directors will be decided at the next Soil Builders meeting.

11. Discussion on the Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) Program Plan:

Cicero, Nancy Lannert (LWCD), and Joe Strupp (LWCD) are developing a plan to use the MDV program money. LWCD is working on establishing a cover crop program, a mentor program for farmers new to cover crops, and a pasture establishment program.

12. Discussion on the County Farm Tile Drainage Repair:

After contacting seven companies, three tiling repair/replacement quotes were received. Cicero accepted the quote from Fish Drainage. Based on the method and type of repair Fish Drainage will be the most cost effective in the long run. Tiling work started the first week of April.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP): There were no notices.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellation of Notices of Noncompliance - FPP:
There were no cancellations.

15. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easement (PACE) Applications & Baseline Documentation:

Gerry Kokkonen is assisting a current applicant with refuse clean up that must be completed by May 15, 2021. Kokkonen and NRCS are planning a site visit.

16. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (February):

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures was distributed.

17. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: Non Metallic Mining Program

- **Next Scheduled Meeting:** May 19, 2021 @ 8:30 am in Room 205

18. Adjournment:

Herbst made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 am, Christensen seconded. Motion passed 6/0.