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**Buffalo County Minutes**

**Committee/Board:** Land Conservation Committee

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, March 5, 2020

**Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date:** Monday, March 9, 2020

The regular meeting of the Land Conservation Committee was called order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Nettie Rosenow. Roll call showed that David Linse, Don Black, and Don Hillert were present for all or part of the meeting. Others present for all or part of the meeting: Carrie Olson, Derek Husmoen, and Mary Wood.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Black made a motion to approve the February 6, 2020 minutes as presented, seconded by Linse. Motion carried.

**Public Comments regarding posted agenda items:** None

**USDA- NRCS/FSA Report:** Derek Husmoen provided the USDA-NRCS report. He reported that the recent EQIP signup included 66 new applications for review with an April funding decision. He noted there was possibility of a second signup in June. The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signup closed recently and offers are being reviewed nationally. There was a discussion on Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) contract review, spot checks, and Farm Bill priorities, including the Source Water Protection program.

**Proposed Joint Meetings with Ag and Extension Education Committee:** A discussion was held on the new proposed joint committee meeting structure to help direct the next committee that is formed after the April election. Mary Wood described the meeting schedule of the UW-Extension Education Committee. Black had concerns with the time commitment and length of combined meetings. Hillert suggested routine and contractor invoice payments become authorized for approval at the department level, rather than committee level. There was a discussion on committee priorities and meeting schedules.

**Conservation and Non-Metallic Mining Department 2019 Annual Report:** The 2019 Annual Report for Land Conservation and Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation programs was presented. Accomplishments, goals, and challenges were discussed. Olson pointed out the photos of the Rose Valley dam restoration was one of the major accomplishments for the department. Efficiencies and technology were also highlighted. Both the Land Conservation and the Non-Metallic Mining (NMM) Reclamation department program year-end budget reports were shared and discussed. Ms. Olson explained that both the Conservation Department and NMM year-end totals met the projected budgets.

Motion by Don Hillert, seconded by Nettie Rosenow to approve the county annual report and budget as presented. All in favor. Carried.

**2021 Joint DATCP/DNR Grant Application:** Olson presented the 2021 DATCP/DNR Grant application for review. The application includes funding for: staffing support, Bond, and SEG conservation projects. The grant application amounts are consistent with previous years' application requests. Final allocation will be awarded to each County Land Conservation Department based on the approved state budget and a funding formula. Motion by Black, seconded by Rosenow to approve the grant as presented. All in favor. Carried.

**County Conservationists Report:** Olson thanked Chair Rosenow for leadership and support directing the Land Conservation Committee and her advocacy and support for conservation in Buffalo County.

**Chairperson Report** None.

**Public Comments Not Relating to the Agenda** None given.

**The meeting was adjourned** at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carrie Olson  
County Conservationist