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Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: Thursday, September 19, 2019

Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date: Friday, September 20, 2019

The regular meeting of the Land Conservation Committee was called order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Nettie Rosenow. Roll call showed that Don Black, David Linse, and Don Hillert were present for all or part of the meeting. Others present for all or part of the meeting: Carrie Olson and Tim Wucherer.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Linse made a motion to approve the August 15, 2019 minutes as presented, seconded by Hillert. Motion carried.

Public Comments regarding posted agenda items: None

PL-566 Structure Inspections: Olson presented a report showing recent maintenance performed at each of the 12 county-owned PL-566 Dams. Olson explained the intent of the summary report is for utilization in long-range planning and budgeting of future maintenance needs. The county is required to maintain dams to meet State DNR standards for Dam Safety. The dams are considered 'low hazard dams' by Wisconsin DNR and are therefore required to have a professional engineer perform an inspection of each dam every 10 years. Ms. Rosenow asked which maintenance projects were priority and an estimate of maintenance costs. Annual budget, equipment use, and staff duties were discussed.

Conservation Cost Share Projects: The September Cost Share Project Report was presented. Conservation cost share contract approvals and contractor invoices were presented for the Ben Schams Grade Stabilization Dam. The State share for the project is \$5,543.74. All landowner proof of payments for cost-sharing have been received. A Conservation CapX2020 trout stream restoration project was completed on the Little Waumandee Creek at Dick Treu's property. Total project costs were \$15,044.06 with the County share of the project at \$5,000.00, with cost-share covered by NRCS and landowner.

Motion by Black, seconded by Linse to approve and pay for the Cost Share Projects as presented. Motion carried.

Refill Conservation Technician Staff Vacancy: Olson reported the Conservation Technician position is vacant due to retirement. Olson shared that the position description had been recently updated and will not require any revisions. Black suggested including language about training into the Job Advertisement. A motion was made by Hillert, seconded by Black to approve the advertisement with changes and forward the recruitment to refill the Conservation Technician position. Motion carried.

Public Comments Not Relating to the Agenda None given.

County Conservationists Report:

- Olson shared the conservation structures GIS Lidar map that the summer intern had worked on completing. The committee asked to review the Rose Valley watershed location on the map and a discussion was held on visible gully erosion and conservation dam needs.
- Flyers were distributed for the upcoming 'Farm Building Structural Failures' presentation on September 24, hosted by UW-Extension.

Chairperson Report No report.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 10th at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Olson
County Conservationist