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Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: Thursday, October 18, 2018

Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date: Monday, October 22, 2018

The regular meeting of the Land Conservation and Resource Management Committee was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by Chairperson Ms. Nettie Rosenow. Roll call showed that Mr. Don Black, Mr. David Linse, and Mr. Don Hillert were present for all or part of the meeting. Others present for all or part of the meeting: Ms. Carrie Olson and Mr. David Danzinger.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Mr. Don Hillert made a motion to approve the September 6, 2018 minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Don Black. All in favor. Carried.

Public Comments regarding posted agenda items: None

Garden (Rose) Valley Restoration Project Update: Committee members inspected the construction project site at W481 Rose Valley Road. Project details, approvals, and schedule were discussed. The committee inquired about future recreational fishing opportunities, which were explained to include an accessible fishing pier. A funding budget sheet was provided showing that estimated costs are under-budget. It was proposed and agreed by all members that the secured contingency funds be utilized for construction of new sediment dams. New sediment dams in the Rose Valley Watershed would minimize sedimentation to the pond and protect the repaired dam.

Conservation Cost Share Projects: The October cost share project report was presented. The county flood repair cost share program included 8 Grade Stabilization Dams cleaned-out for 6 landowners. Invoices for completed projects under the repair program were submitted for: H.G. Green, David Jackson, Larry Martell, Eric Spacek, Robert Toonen, and Tom Quarberg. The landowner share paid for all projects was \$23,539.96, with \$14,030.20 being the county share due. All landowner proof of payments for cost-sharing have been received.

Motion by Mr. Hillert, seconded by Mr. Black to approve and pay for the Cost Share Projects as presented. All in favor. Carried.

County Collaboration Meeting with Highway and GIS/Land Info Departments: Ms. Olson explained that Land Conservation, Highway, and GIS/Land Info Departments met to discuss collaboration projects including watershed management for localized sediment issues and an inventory of county waterway crossing structures. There was a discussion on current collaboration efforts with Highway, which is working well. Ms. Rosenow suggested reporting back to the LCC when any future coordination work takes place with Highway Department.

County Conservationists Report: Ms. Olson explained that Land Conservation staff responded to several manure spill/spreading concerns this fall. During the response efforts, downstream landowners were made aware of the importance of nitrate testing through the groundwater well testing program, which is available through the Buffalo County Health Department.

Chairperson Report No report

At 5:35 p.m., Land Conservation Committee members and meeting attendees present took a recess to locate to the next site.

Yaeger Valley Creek Restoration and Bluff Prairie Restoration Projects: Reconvene at Yaeger Valley Creek spillway to review recent streambank protection and in-stream fish habitat structures installed in the creek along property owned by Waumandee Rod and Gun Club. A discussion was held on the recent bluff prairie restoration projects from 2 adjacent landowners.

Public Comments Not Relating to the Agenda None given.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 13 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Olson
County Conservationist