

**MINUTES**  
**Clark County Land Conservation Committee**  
**Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 9:30 am**  
**Clark County Courthouse, Auditorium**

Committee Members Present: Don Koerner, Martin Nigon – FSA, Chairman Fritz Garbisch. A quorum of the Committee was present.

Committee Members Absent: Bryce Luchterhand, Dan Clough

Others Present: Jim Arch – County Conservationist, Sheri Denowski, Conservation Engineer, Shirley Iwanski - Program Assistant.

Fritz G. called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Review of the minutes of previous LCC meetings.

- a. Don K. made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting as presented. Seconded by Marty N. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Review of vouchers.

- a) Committee reviewed the vouchers for April 2019. Marty N. made the motion to approve the April vouchers as presented. Seconded by Don K. All ayes. Motion carried.

**1. USDA Agency Reports**

a. **FSA**

- i. Marty N. said they are in the process of program signups.
- ii. There has been a lot of alfalfa kill in Clark County, especially old stands..
- iii. Marty mentioned signup for milk program starts on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Milk prices reported at \$1.30 per hundred weight in February.

- b. **NRCS** - Jane R. could not attend. Jim reported NRCS is busy with program signups.

**2. LWRM Plan**

- a. Jim continues to work on the LWRM plan and hopes to have a rough draft of the LWRM plan for advisory committees to look at this month. After advisory committees, Jim will bring to the LCC to review draft, at which time there will be a public hearing, followed by county board. Jim stated it can go to DATCP before or after county board.

**3. Large Scale TRM grant**

- a. Jim stated soil testing has been completed on demo farm. It has been staked out but no planting yet. Soil tests show pH is good, Potassium is low and P is ok.

The first half of rent payment has been paid to the landowner. Landowner had applied 5,000 gallons of manure last fall.

#### **4. Sportsman Lake**

##### a. Wetland Delineation

- i. The DNR has concurred with the wetland delineation. Sheri provided a map indicating areas designated as wetland. Map showed proposed walking trail. If the trail goes through the wetlands, trees can be cut down but stumps cannot be removed. Also cannot bring in fill to the wetland area. If creating the proposed trail, it would require a permit due to the length of the trail. Permit would also be required to add a bridge.
- ii. Fritz suggested to have the trail go through rented crop land. This would need to be changed with the next contract. People would not want to walk in the wetland area anyway if it's too wet.
- iii. Marty questioned when would be the proper time to do the trail. Sheri suggested when it's dry – either in the winter when the ground is frozen or in July/August if it's a dry period.
- iv. Jim stated the original plan was for the new trail to hook up with a trail that will be made on the east side of the lake..
- v. Fritz suggested to look into options for the trail to go through cropland.

##### b. Dialer

- i. Jim reported the dialer triggered a phone call to him a couple of weeks ago. He went to the lake and found the water level two feet from the top of the riser. Dialer is working..

##### c. Don K. lake report

- i. Don visited Sportsman Lake last week and found a section of the pier missing and seven pallets moved to the parking lot. There is also wood, pallets and a ladder on the berm which need to be removed. Don also cleaned up garbage and branches from the parking lot.
- ii. Jim will look into getting a price for steel needed to fix the pier. Fritz said the pier should be fixed if it isn't too great a cost.
- iii. Jim stated additional fish restocking should be done this spring.
- iv. Marty asked if the firewood is gone. Jim said the good wood was given away but the pine and rotting hard wood is still there. Fritz suggested to just let it rot.

#### **5. Land Conservation Department Reports/Updates**

- a. Summer Intern
  - i. Jim reported Fred, the new intern, has been helpful with Nutrient Management Plan data entry. He also went with Sheri once. He will be working approximately 35 to 40 hours per week, might possibly also be working with NRCS later this summer.

- b. New department truck
  - i. Fritz opened four bids, all from Gross Motors.
    1. All truck were 2019 models with 8 speed automatic transmission, the exception the Chevy Silverado was a 6 speed automatic. All models included crew cab, 4WD, Tow package, bed topper and similar features, such as a/c, mud flaps, rustproofing, etc. Bids were as follows:

<b>Make</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Engine</b>	<b>Price</b>
Dodge	1500	V8, 5.7 L Hemi	\$28,787
Dodge	Ram	V6 3.6 L	\$26,090
Chevy	Colorado	V6 3.6 L	\$31,129
Chevy	Silverado	V6 4.3 L	\$31,927

2. Sheri suggested they need to look as gas mileage for each model. Marty suggested Jim and Sheri take a look at the trucks to get a better feel for the size of the cab. Jim also said cost of liability should be investigated.
3. Fritz preferred the two Dodges, suggesting Jim and Sheri look at those two.
4. Marty made a motion to purchase one of the two Dodges and give Jim and Sheri the discretion to decide which of those two to purchase after looking at them. Seconded by Don K. All ayes, motion carried.

- c. Farmland Preservation Plan (FPP)
  - i. Jim reported that Amanda has stated she has 65 FPP inspections to do this year, starting next month.
  - ii. The town of Mead has approved joining an Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) along with the town of Reseburg. Amanda will send a letter to landowners in Mead Township to find out who might want to sign up. The plan must have a minimum for four contiguous landowners to qualify for AEA.

- d. WLWCA
  - i. The West Central WLWCA area summer tour is June 12<sup>th</sup> in Dunn County. There has been no agenda provided as yet. Shirley will send agendas to LCC members as soon as they are available. Marty, Don K. and Fritz all plan to attend.
  - ii. The county conservation meeting is July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Stevens Point. Members will decide by next meeting if they plan to attend.
  
- e. Demo Farm
  - i. Jim reported there will be a field day at the demo farm, planned for June 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 3:00.
  
- f. Engineers Report
  - i. Sheri D. provided a written Engineer report to the committee.
    - 1. One well closing was recently completed. Other projects are waiting for weather conditions to improve.
    - 2. Most cost share funds have already been allocated for 2019. No offers yet from other counties to provide additional funding. Currently there is approximately \$1,500 left in bond funds – Sheri hopes to save that for a well closing. She is still designing plans for the 2020 year.
    - 3. The new waste storage facility in Hendren Township is almost ready to go and should start soon.
  
- g. Animal Manure Management Ordinance
  - i. Sheri stated that Jake has been working on formatting the new ordinance. Cody and Pat from DATCP have made some suggestions changing what should require a permit. If we use the NRCS waste transfer standard for guidance, all transfer system components (hoppers, pipes, etc.) should be included in our permit process.
    - 1. Marty asked about permit fees. Sheri is checking with Jake on several options. One option would be to have a flat fee along with a fee per animal unit. Jake stated it must be reasonable costs.
    - 2. Committee will look at ordinance update again after receiving feedback from corporate counsel.
  
- h. Cover crop video
  - i. Jim presented a short two-minute video regarding how cover crops affect soil moisture.

6. Public Comments – No public comment.
7. Next Meeting Date
  - a. Next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium.
8. Adjourn
  - a. Marty N. made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m. Seconded by Don K. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared and submitted to the committee by Shirley Iwanski.