



MARQUETTE COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



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Land & Water Conservation Committee

June 14th, 2022, 4:30 PM

In Person at County Board Room, Montello WI. Meeting also was virtual/recorded.

Meeting Minutes

Dennis Fenner, Ken Borzick, Al Rosenthal, John Bennett, David Benson, Abby Swan, Mike Jacobi, Pat Kilbey, Ron Barger, Morgan Kepler.

Chairman Fenner called the Meeting to Order and Roll Call.

Motion Borzick, 2nd Benson to approve Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried.**

Motion Benson, 2nd Bennett to approve May 2022 Minutes. **Motion Carried**

LWCD Report: Kilbey updated Committee on final Tree Sale tally and explained DNR rental of County owned planters and other forestry equipment that is put in Tree account for maintenance.

Cost Share Projects for 2022 are struggling to get constructed due to contractor availability. Discussion followed. Nutrient Management Planning cost share was on track with 2022 plans being wrapped up.

FSA Report: Fenner reported staff turnover due to retirement, but Office is at full staff. Crop Reporting has started.

Golden Sands RC&D Report: Rosenthal reported RC&D is doing contract work for AIS, Groundwater education and other services. Marquette County is setting up Groundwater classes for fall semester. Other Counties are doing some sort of Nitrate/Groundwater Testing or mitigation using ARPA Funds.

County Lakes Association: Jacobi reported they had a spring meeting the week prior and had good turnout. Discussion was had on Lake Management Plans and AIS issues.

Motion Benson, 2nd Borzick to approve Monthly Reports as presented. **Motion Carried**

Kilbey informed that he was successful in getting a grant for an Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Collection Day. Grant is for \$9,000 and is good for 2 events (2022 and 2023). September 10th, 2022 will be 1st event at the Highway Shop from 8 a.m. til noon. The 2023 E-waste Collection Event will be held along with the Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep, if the County is able to secure the Hazardous Waste Event Grant. Discussion was had on Committee Members volunteering for the events and dollars needed to match the waste Grant if County is successful.

Morgan Kepler (County Agronomist) presented an update on Agronomy/Conservation in Marquette County. Nutrient Management, Farmland Preservation and Soil Health were all reported on and discussed. Kepler went into depth on Soil Health and the Upper Fox/Wolf Demo Farm Partnership. Review of recently held Interseeder Demo Field Day was discussed, as was the upcoming September Soil Health Field Day that will be held. Discussion was had on Marquette County purchasing a Cover Crop Interseeder for producers to use. There has been a large interest and involvement from Marquette County producers for more Soil Health educational opportunities.

May 2022 Expenses were reviewed.

Chairman Fenner adjourned the meeting at 11:40.