



MARQUETTE COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



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Land & Water Conservation Committee

October 11th, 2022, 10:30 A.M.

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, Mike Jacobi, Abby Swan (virtual), Patrick Kilbey & Chip Lovell (USDA/WS).

Chairman Fenner called the Meeting to Order and Roll Call.

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

Motion Benson, 2nd Jacobi to approve September 2022 Minutes. **Motion Carried**

LWCD Report: Kilbey reported on recent hire of Buxton Toutant as Conservation Technician. Justin White is helping to train Buxton on jobs being installed this fall. Soil Health Field Day was a success with 16 landowners attending. Discussion was had on future field days and questions on purchase of no-till drill or interseeder.

Agriculture Report: Fenner reported harvest is on-going and no recent meetings.

Golden Sands RC&D Report: Rosenthal reported RC&D is celebrating 50th Anniversary this Saturday.

County Lakes Association: Jacobi reported upcoming Lakes Directors Meeting on Nov. 10th will be a future organizational meeting with new Directors. Lake levels are low, wetland and dam/water level discussion. Chip Lovell (USDA/WS) briefed Committee on Wildlife Damage and presented 2023 Budget along with 2022 Crop Prices. Discussion was had on both.

Motion Jacobi, 2nd Bennett to approve the presented 2023 Wildlife Damage Budget as presented of \$35,343.

Motion Carried.

Motion Benson, 2nd Bennett to approve 2022 crop prices, with harvest deadline of 90% set for Dec. 1st.

Motion Carried.

Kilbey presented draft policy for cost share funding designated for no-till and cover crop applications. Different funding sources were presented including how/when payments could be made and acreage limitations. Discussion followed with suggestions on length of cost share, per acreage amounts and acreage caps. Kilbey will try and incorporate new ideas into policy and present at a later date for approval.

Household/Agricultural Clean Sweep was discussed. Grant for \$12,920 has been awarded for 2023. Board of Health has allotted \$15,000 of remaining funds to the General Fund for Land Conservation to use as County (50%) match. Discussion followed on 2023 Budget process and shortfalls.

Kilbey presented 2023 AIS Agreement designating Golden Sands RC&D to remain County AIS Agent. This designation allows for 2023 Grant of \$11,744.53 to be allocated directly to Golden Sands RC&D. Discussion followed.

Motion Jacobi, 2nd Benson to approve Golden Sands RC&D Agent.

September 2022 Expenses were reviewed.

Chairman Fenner adjourned the meeting at 11:45??