

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

April 4, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Grant County Board Room (#264)

Lancaster, Wisconsin

The Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee meeting was called to order on April 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. by Dwight Nelson, the Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Committee Chairman, in the Grant County Board Room #264, 111 S. Jefferson St., Lancaster.

Board members present: Dwight Nelson, Lester Jantzen, Gary Northouse, Gabe Loeffelholz, and Mike Lieurance. Others present: Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Justin Johnson, Kevin Lange, Bob Keeney, Joyce Roling, Nathalie Schattner, and LaRay Martin.

Certification of Open Meeting Law

Annette Lolwing sent the agenda to Karla Schwantes and Linda Gebhard to post in the Courthouse and in the Administration Building, an agenda was sent to Bob Middendorf, WGLR, an agenda was also posted in front of the Ag Service Center Building. Media notices were sent to Karla Schwantes, Linda Gebhard, Herald Independent, Tri County Press, Platteville Journal, Muscoda Progressive, and the Boscobel Dial.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the April 4, 2019 agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of the March 7, 2019 Minutes

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve the March 7, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

Review & Accept the Bills

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Lester Jantzen to accept the bills. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Comprehensive Plan Change

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing

#19-05 LaRay Martin, Ellenboro Twp., is requesting a Comprehensive Plan Change for +/- 11.562 ac. of PIN: 014-00771-0010, 014-00771-0025, and 014-00782-0030 from C2 to A2 to allow for the use of a nonfarm residence.

In Favor: Ellenboro Twp. approved on February 6, 2019. LaRay Martin registered in favor.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Committee Discussion: Lester Jantzen asked where this is located at on Hwy 81? Located by Baker Iron Works. Cropland will continue to be farmed.

Dwight Nelson closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Gary Northouse to recommend approval of the Comprehensive Plan change to the full County Board, seconded by Gabe Loeffelholz. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Rezone

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing

#19-05 LaRay Martin, Ellenboro Twp., is requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 014-00771-0010, 014-00771-0025, and 014-00782-0030 of +/- 11.562 ac. from C2 to A2 to allow for the use of a nonfarm residence.

In Favor: Ellenboro Twp. approved on February 6, 2019. LaRay Martin registered in favor.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Committee Discussion: None

Dwight Nelson closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Gary Northouse to recommend approval of the rezone to the full County Board. Motion carried.

Zoning and Sanitation Report

Lynda presented the Zoning and Sanitation report. The 2019 totals are about the same as the 2018 totals. There are still 23 landowners that have not come into compliance with their 3-year maintenance, working at sending them a 3rd citation. There were 2 landowners that plead not guilty to the 3-year maintenance citation, their court date is now scheduled for May 22, 2019. No BOA at this time. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Mike Lieurance to accept the Zoning and Sanitation Report. Motion carried.

County Cost Sharing – Starting Balance \$16,666.27/Ending Balance \$15,942.27

Lynda presented a cancellation request for Donald Gehrke, Fennimore Twp., \$360.00 on his well decommissioning project. Construction plan called for 13 bags of bentonite and only 3.5 bags were used. Well was filled on January 17, 2019 and had not been reported to the DNR within the 30 days of filling the well. Plumber is to contact the DNR if it doesn't take the required number of bags of bentonite. According to specs the well should be drilled out and refilled at the quantities of the filling of the well. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Gary Northouse to disapprove Donald's county cost share payment request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval requests for county cost sharing on 2 well decommissioning projects for, Ken and Arlene Peer, Beetown Twp. \$544.00; and John Kieler, Hazel Green Twp. \$540.00. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve both requests. Motion carried.

SWRM Cost Sharing

2018 DATCP Cost Sharing – Beginning Balance/Ending Balance \$21,271.75

2019 DATCP Cost Sharing – Beginning Balance \$27,563.00 /Ending Balance \$7,563.00

Lynda presented tentative approval request for 2019 DATCP cost sharing on a grassed waterway for Steve and Julie Mulrooney, Mt. Ida Twp. \$10,000.00. Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve the Mulrooney's request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for 2019 DATCP cost sharing on a streambank protection project for Mark Schwab, North Lancaster Twp., \$10,000.00. Motion by Gabe Loeffelholz, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve Mark's request. Motion carried.

Storage Permit Approval

None to report.

Joint DATCP/DNR Grant Approval

Lynda reported that this is the funding request for the 2020 DATCP staffing and cost sharing grant. The staff and support funding from DATCP are to pay 100% on the first position, 70% on the second position, and 50% on the third position. These positions are never fully funded by the state. Lynda is requesting full support of \$199,967.00 for staff and support and \$150,000.00 for cost sharing in 2020. Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve Lynda's request to submit the fully funded grant application. Motion carried.

DATCP Annual Work Plan Approval

Lynda reported that we had our Land and Water Resource Management Plan approved in 2018. Within the LWRM plan there is an annual work plan of what practices and priorities we hope to achieve. Adjustments will be made to the LWRM work plan for those planned activities and the estimated performance measurements for the 2020 work plan. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve Lynda to submit the annual work plan to DATCP. Motion carried.

CSZD Administrator Report

Lynda reported that the 2018 SWRM extension request has been approved by DATCP for \$21,271 for contract extensions into 2019.

Lynda reported on the SWIGG update. The Spring sampling drop off dates will be April 12 & 13. The source sampling landowners have been contacted by the researchers and will be starting soon. The researchers will be contacting a subset of those landowners that had contaminated wells last fall.

Lynda asked for comments of those who attended the WLWCA Conference this year. It was a very good conference. It was nice that the staff and the board members have merged. Very good break-out sessions. Lynda shared a listing of all the donations that were brought in by the counties and the amount of money that was brought in to be put toward youth and education. Grant County brought in \$74.00 from the silent auction items. There was \$6,411.27 total that was raised by the silent auction.

Lynda reported on the Snap Plus update class. There were 31 landowners that updated their NMP's. There will be 9 more landowners that will be coming to the office in the next week to update their plans. Lynda is grateful to Chris Baxter at UW-Platteville for the use of his lab, computers, and his students.

Lynda reported that the Annual Report has been completed and has been sent to the paper for printing.

Lynda reported that the water quality task force will be meeting on May 8th at 10:30 a.m. at the Youth & Ag Building. Lynda recommends the committee to attend and hear what is said there.

Lynda reported that Senator Marklein is on the joint finance committee. Lynda would like for the committee to attend the joint finance listening session to address the DATCP funding formula for the conservation departments and to bring the annual funding up to full funding per state statutory goal of (154.4 FTE).

Lean Update

Nothing to Report.

FPP Report

Kevin reported that he has been out on a couple of contour strip jobs already this spring.

Kevin reported that he delivered 2065 litanies to 9 churches. Last year he delivered 1300 litanies to 11 churches. In April he will be delivering Arbor Day Trees and Activity Books to the schools.

Kevin reported that the Tree Sale is tentatively scheduled for pick-up on April 19th.

NRCS Report – Joe Schmelz

See attached report.

FSA Report – Nathalie Schattner

Nathalie reported that she has some anticipated dates for some of FSA's programs. There is an NPP repayment program starting around April 29th. This is for individuals that signed up for the NPP dairy program who ended up paying more in premiums than they received in payments. They will have 2 options: 1. A onetime 50% cash payout or 2. They can use 75% of those years and apply it toward DMC, to offset the cost.

- The DMC (Dairy Margin Coverage) and the new milk protection coverage is to start mid-June, anticipating June 17th.
- ARP/PLC anticipating to start that process in early fall.
- Will be an option for new elections for 2019 and for 2020 to do ARP county, ARP individual or PLC.
- There may be a CRP General Sign Up that will start around December. Have not heard about any Continuous Sign UP.
- Spring crop reporting will be starting on May 6th and will run through July 15th.

Forestry Report – Brandon Sieck

No Report

Short break taken.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Gabe Loeffelholz to go into closed session at 10:02 a.m. per state statute 19.85(1)(c) in considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically as it relates to the performance evaluation of the Administrator of the Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Department. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 Nay, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Return to Open Session – Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Gary Northouse to come out of closed session and return back to open session. Motion carried.

Action on Closed Session Items – None needed.

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Gabe Loeffelholz to adjourn to May 2, 2019 at 9:00 p.m. Meeting location to be determined. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing for Lester Jantzen.

NRCS Report

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Programs

EQIP:

- Received Funding for 19-1 and 19-2 application cycles
 - o To Date 35 accepted totaling \$591,949
 - o Have 13 not selected totaling \$185,942. There is still a chance that funds could slip down to them or the state requests additional funding.

- Currently accepting applications for the 19-3 application period which ends May 17th.

CSP:

- Received notice that there will be no 2019 Renewal applications this year. The affected producers have been offered a one-year extension with the ability to apply for a renewal contract that will begin in 2020.

Compliance

We have received our initial compliance review list. Currently 34 tracts for the review but we will be adding a percentage of the farm loan participants, USDA employee tracts and any whistleblower complaints received this spring to the list.

Personnel

The pathways position was posted on the USA Jobs site from April 18-22. The announcement is now closed and we are awaiting the panel of applicants.