

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

September 2, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Room #264, County Board Room, Administration Building and Via Zoom Meeting
Lancaster, Wisconsin

The Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee meeting was called to order on September 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. by Mark Stead, the Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Committee Chairman in Room #264, County Board Room of the Administration Building and via Zoom meeting.

Board members present in the County Board room: Mark Stead, Mike Lieurance, Porter Wagner, Pat Schroeder, Lester Jantzen, Gary Northouse. Others present in the County Board room; Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Robert Keeney, Shane Drinkwater, Justin Johnson; via Zoom: Mark Hoehne, Amanda Degenhardt, Tonya White, and Michael Labisoner.

Certification of Open Meeting Law

Annette Lolwing sent the agenda to Karla Schwantes and Tonya White to post in the Courthouse, in the Administration Building, and on our website. An agenda was also posted in front of the Ag Service Center Building, and was sent to Bob Middendorf, WGLR. Media notices were sent to Karla Schwantes, Tonya White, Herald Independent, Platteville Journal, Muscoda Progressive, Boscobel Dial, Fennimore Times, and Bob Middendorf.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Pat Schroeder to approve the Agenda with a correction at the top of the Agenda to include "September" 2, 2021; and to move the Zoning/Sanitation Report in front of the Discussion and Possible Action on Sanitation After the Fact Penalties. Motion carried.

Approval of the July 1, 2021 Minutes

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve the August 5, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

Review & Accept the Bills

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Gary Northouse to accept the August bills. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Rezones

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing.

#21-12 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Watterstown Twp., are requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN:060-00054-0000 of +/-1.0 ac. from Conservancy-Forestry-Recreation to Farmland Preservation to allow for the use of existing crop ground.

In Favor: Watterstown Twp. approved on August 10, 2021. Michael Labisoner

In Opposition: None

In Interest: Attached to the rezone petition was a parcel map which also included the legal description of the 1.0 acre parcel with the meets and bounds description. There is no development being proposed. The WI DNR intended this to be recorded in 1997, but it was never recorded. The neighbor is cropping that 1.0 ac. parcel and is not intending to change.

Committee Discussion: None.

Mark Stead closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Porter Wagner to recommend approval of the rezone request for the WI DNR to the full County Board, seconded by Gary Northouse. Motion carried.

Zoning/Sanitation Report

Lynda reported that August 31st was the deadline for the 3-year maintenance forms. The 2020 Sanitary failing citations, and failure to do maintenance list has gotten shorter. There are 61 failing systems remaining. There are 4 court dates: 3 court dates for September 14, 2021 for Steiger/Campbell/Orth. There is 1 court date for September 24, 2021 for Freese.

Failure to complete their maintenance citations in 2020 have 27 issues remaining.

There are no Zoning court dates scheduled.

There are no Board of Adjustments scheduled.

Lynda reported on the comparisons of the Zoning and Sanitation report from last year to this year. We are 248 ahead on the 3-year maintenance forms. There are 22 sanitary permits and 37 zoning permits less than last year. Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Lester Jantzen to accept the Zoning/Sanitation Report. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on Sanitation After the Fact Penalties

Lynda reported that she has been working with Ben Wood to increase penalties paid to the CSZD office as opposed to the courts. Ben suggested that we reword the after the fact penalty to possibly issue a higher fine from our office vs. sending the citations to court. The citation money goes to the courts and not to the CSZD office.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Cost Share Policy and CSZD Violations

Lynda spoke with Ben Wood about amending the cost share policy. Ben did not feel that all violations would be enforceable. Ben didn't feel that if someone had a violation in Sauk County that it should apply to the Grant County CSZD. Lynda asked about the manure storage ordinance. There are times that the landowner has built an illegal storage facility or expanded an existing storage without a permit and now we are cost sharing to abandon that existing storage. There was consensus of the committee that would like to see the manure storage facilities cleaned up utilizing cost sharing. Lynda will continue to work with Ben to amend the policy.

County Cost Sharing: Beginning Balance \$17,505.58. Ending Balance \$14,653.50.

Lynda presented a well decommissioning extension request for Todd and Sandy Ehlen, Waterloo Twp., \$720.00 to October 14, 2021. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the extension request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented a final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Randy Reynolds, Waterloo Twp., \$596.08. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Porter Wagner to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented a final approval request for county cost sharing on a waste facility closure for Kevin and Chelsey Zart, Mount Ida Twp., \$2,857.00. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on 4 well decommissionings for David & Regina Apel, South Potosi Twp., \$560.00; Todd & Julie Fischer, East Bloomington Twp., \$664.00; Roger & Jeanie Vogt, Glen Haven Twp., \$752.00; and Roger & Jeanie Vogt, Glen Haven Twp., \$1,000.00 for an additional well decommissioning. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Porter Wagner to approve all 4 well decommissioning requests. Motion carried.

SWRM Cost Sharing:

2020 DATCP Cost Sharing: Beginning Balance \$17,539.05/Ending Balance \$17,539.05

None to Report.

2021 DATCP Cost Sharing: Beginning Balance \$49,863.00/Ending Balance \$49,863.00
None to Report.

2021 MDV Cost Sharing: Beginning Balance \$27,225.71/Ending Balance \$27,225.71.
None to Report.

Storage Permit Approval
None to Report.

Soil Conservationist Position Approval

Lynda reported that Mike Adams has submitted his resignation and his last day was August 30th. He has taken a position with NRCS as a Soil Conservationist. Mark Stead gave Lynda approval to advertise the position. Lynda is asking the committee for permission to fill the position. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve filling the Soil Conservationist position. Motion carried.

Revised Budget Approval

Lynda reported that there were some recommendations to the CSZD 2022 County budget. The net cost of the CSZD to the county budget last month was \$433,356. In this budget it incorporated an Executive Committee recommendation of adding 2 steps past market which comes to an increase of \$434,317. Also incorporated a 2% wage increase: 1% January 1, 2022, and 1% July 1, 2022. Increased single health insurance contribution for 5% to 15%; with all those recommendations the current balance would be \$432,696. With those changes it brought the budget down a little. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve the revised budget. Motion carried.

CSZD Administrator Report

Lynda reported that she had 6 meetings/activities scheduled in August/September.

- August 10, 2021 – DSPPS Listening Session – Lynda and Brad attended the meeting in Crawford County
- August 19, 2021 – Lynda set up the fair display.
- August 25, 2021 – NWQI Planning Meeting for the Sinsinawa River Watershed (National Water Quality Incentive) Working with NRCS to create some funding for the Soil Health & Water Quality.
- August 25, 2021 – Attended the Land Info Meeting – Lynda was appointed Land Information Officer.
- August 26, 2021 – FPP Workload Webinar
- September 1, 2021 – P Reduction Discussion (Phosphorus) Looking for a consistent way to report P.

Continuous Improvement Update

Lynda reported she has been working with Corp Council on how to enforce the sanitary violations that ignore the citations.

NRCS Report – Lynda Schweikert
See Attached Sheet

FSA Report – Lynda Schweikert
See Attached Sheet

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Porter Wagner to adjourn to Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting is scheduled for Room#264, County Board Room for Committee Members, and the Public participation will be by Zoom only. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing for Lester Jantzen

NRCS Report – Joe Schmelz
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Programs

EQIP:

- Working on installing projects, a lot of cover crops have been flown on in the past few weeks.
- No announcement yet for application deadline for FY22

CSP:

- o All FY21 practices are now certified.

CRP:

- o Completed 322 Emergency Haying/Grazing Requests
- o Between Continuous/CREP/General we have completed 94 contracts to date

Personnel

- Mike Adams started Monday August 30th as a Soil Conservationist for the Lancaster Field Office
- We have a posting for our technician on USAJobs, closed September 1.

FSA Report – Emily Schildgen
CSZD Committee Meeting September 1, 2021

- General CRP sign up offers have come back. The office had 2 offers that did not get accepted in the general ranking and 25 accepted offers. The acceptable offers will have to decide if they want to proceed or not. If they do want to proceed, NRCS will be creating Conservation Plans for those participants on seeding and management of their contract that will need to be signed by the participant prior to FSA being able to approve the actual contract.
- The office is starting to get ready for fall crop reporting. Fall seeded small grains such as wheat or rye intended for grain or forage will need to be reported by November 15th.
- Other than that – it is clean up time around the office as we will be switching over to Program Year 2022 on October 1, 2021.