

**RUSK COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

“Not Committee Approved”

DATE: January 8, 2019
ROLL CALL: R. GIERKE, B.MCBAIN, B. STOUT
OTHERS PRESENT: C. TESKY, P. RICHTER, S. ZESIGER, J. KRELL

Open Session: Meeting called to order @ 8:00 AM by Roger Gierke.

Minutes: Stout/McBain motion to approve minutes from November 13. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 @ 8:00 A.M

Payment Approval Report: Report was passed around and signed.

Public Comment: None

Wildlife Damage Claim Program: Zesiger handed out 2018 crop claims. There are a few claims left for Rusk County that share claims with other counties. Total amount of claims after deductibles is \$20,253.76. Gierke signed the claims presented.

NRCS Report: Richter reported NRCS is still functioning with prior allocations despite the federal government shutdown. FSA is out. IT support is down. There was a good EQIP sign up. There are divided into two batches with the physical activities needing to be shovel ready by February 8. Rusk Rose is one of these with an animal waste storage facility. CSP final payments are being wrapped up. There are 150 contracts in both counties. There has been no word on filling the soil conservationist position in Ladysmith yet.

Farm Service Agency: None.

Land Conservation Report: Krell went over a project summary for 2018. There was over \$100,000 provided in Cost Share to local farmers! 2019 projects include animal waste abandonments, vegetated treatment areas, 4 well abandonments, 8 Nutrient Management plans, livestock exclusion fencing, roof runoff system, rotational grazing fencing, and barnyard runoff control system. The local speaking contest will be January 30.

Land Conservation and Development Department: Tesky has been working on the 2018 Annual Report for County Board. The three year Land Information Plan was completed in December. There are three remonumentation projects to be let out for bids in February. The 2018 budget numbers look good. LWC should be coming in about \$13,000 under budget.

Animal Waste Storage Applications: None.

Out of County Travel: Stout/McBain motion to give a blanket approval for attending winter Technician meetings that may come up. Motion carried. NW Area Meeting/Poster & Speaking Contest on February 7 in Hayward for office staff and any committee members. WI Land+Water

Annual Conference in Lake Geneva for Runstrom and any committee members who may want to go. Stout/McBain motion to approve Out of County travel. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Stout/McBain motion to adjourn at 8:35 AM. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by CeCe Tesky