Meeting Minutes

Forest County Land Conservation Committee

Wednesday, June 4th, 2014

Note: The committee opened with a Public Hearing concerning nonmetallic fees and then held their scheduled committee meeting.

1. The call to order for this public hearing was given by Chairman Paul Millan at 5:00 p.m. in room 107 of the Forest County courthouse.
2. The roll was called and all members were present. Those present included Paul Millan, Dave Bula, Mike Albrecht, Larry Sommer and Jim Stormer. Administrator Pam LaBine and Technician Bill Lester were present. Members of the audience included Del Baumgartner and Michael Steinbrink representing NRCS.
3. The administrator read the proposed fee schedule. It is entered into these minutes and attached.
4. Motion by Mike Albrecht to open the public hearing, second by Larry Sommer, all in favor, motion approved.
5. There was no testimony for or against this fee schedule.
6. Motion by Jim Stormer to close the public hearing, second by Larry Sommer, all in favor, motion approved.

Submitted by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_6/5/2014

Scheduled Meeting

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2. The roll was called and all members were present. They included Paul Millan, Dave Bula, Mike Albrecht, Larry Sommer, and Jim Stormer. Administrator Pam LaBine and Technitian Bill Lester were Present along with members of the audience Dell Baumgartner and NRCS Conservationist Michael Steinbrink.
3. Motion by Mike Albrecht to approve the agenda, second by Dave Bula, all in favor, motion approved.
4. Motion by Mike Albrecht to approve the minutes of the last meeting, second by Larry Sommer, all in favor, motion approved.
5. Discussion was held on the public hearing for nonmetallic fees. The administrator said there was no change for fees. Member Dave Bula asked what the 3k financial assurance was for. The administrator said this was in case the pit owner abandoned the pit. It would be used to grade and reclaim the open areas of the pit. She said the state asked that we look at these fees as they seemed low. Mike Albrecht said he reclaimed other pits and this doesn’t take long, 3k per acre should be enough. Motion by Dave Bula to forward this fee schedule on to the county board for approval, second by Mike Albrecht, all in favor, motion approved.
6. Michael Steinbrink, NRCS conservationist gave a short overview of his programs to the committee and explained how NRCS programs are on private land. He said there is a list of practices that NRCS would pay for. Their funding starts in October of each year. Mr. Steinbrink went on to bring the committees attention to a survey in his presentation asking the committee how they want the new funding spent. In other years funding allotments included tribes but this one will not. Therefore NRCS will call the counties together to discuss how the allotments will be made between pasture, cropland, farmsteads and forestry. The committee members were asked to rank the identified resource concerns and return them before July 10th, 2014. Members asked the administrator to send a list of accepted practices so they could fill out their questionnaires.
7. Discussion was held on the Land and Water Plan. The administrator said she had contacted NCWRPC and their e-mail reply is before them. They do not want to do anything this year. She asked to reconvene the committee and start the process. Motion by Larry Sommer to call a meeting of the Land and Water advisory committee to start the process of updating the forest County Land and Water Plan, second by Jim Stormer, all in favor, motion approved.
8. Motion to adjourn by Mike Albrecht, second by Larry Sommer, all in favor, motion approved.

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