

Tri-Creeks Land Use Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 25, 2020 – Via Video-Phone Conference

Those in attendance were: Brad Murphy, Sarah Murphy, Eric Epstein, Inese Epstein, Bob Micheel, Roxie Anderson, Dick Thiel, Armund Baur, Kurt Rasmussen, and Ron Luethe.

Roxie Anderson reviewed the plan and sections as well as the documents posted on the Google Docs website. The link below will take you to the Google Docs website to review the Tri-Creeks documents currently on the site:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1OTVWhGWUP2mQwf9XKAAI3oy2DVByf-jV?usp=sharing>

Roxie explained how the editing process works in Google Docs and encouraged individuals to edit online. Roxie also reported that Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&DC) has received a grant and would like to work on some Tri-creeks projects.

Kurt Rasmussen, WI-DNR Water Resources Management Specialist located in the La Crosse Service Center introduced himself and stated he is working on developing a report for the plan on water quality data collected in the Tri-Creeks watershed including data from his colleague and former committee member Camille Bruhn.

Bob Micheel Has enrolled a buffer practice on the field adjacent to Moore's Creek in the CREP program and is ready for a fall seeding of cool season grasses. He was encouraged to wait until November 1 for a fall dormant seeding. The "Donut Hole" field will be taken out of production and planted to pollinators with a dormant fall seeding and be supplemented with some tree plantings this coming spring.

Need to update the Tri-Creeks property boundary map to exclude the private property (Murphy) and former cropland boundary changes.

Eric Epstein and Dick Thiel gave updates on the plan documents they have been working on. Eric requested a large format (7.5 min. USGS quad size or larger) base map of the Tri-Creeks property. Data layers for the base map (ortho, topo, etc.) were discussed as well as what data layers we can start to add to the base maps to illustrate basic resources and future plan practices.

Brad Murphy expressed his resource concerns for the Tri-Creeks land that is adjacent to his private property. They include water quality, invasive species, and forest management.

Sarah Murphy would like to use data collected at Tri-Creeks as a resource for her classroom teaching and possible class projects.

The next meeting will be scheduled late August 2020.

At the next meeting we will continue developing the plan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ron Luethe