

Richland County Natural Resources Standing Committee

January 6, 2025

The Richland County Natural Resources Standing Committee convened on Monday, January 6, 2025 in person and virtually at 9:30 AM in the County Boardroom of the Richland County Courthouse.

Call To Order: Committee Chair Carrow called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Roll Call: Deputy Clerk Hege conducted roll call. Committee members present: Steve Carrow, Richard McKee, Alayne Hendricks, Mark Gill, and Craig Woodhouse. Committee members absent: Julie Fleming and Robert Brookens. Julie Fleming joined the meeting at 9:31 AM.

Verification of Open Meetings Law Compliance: Deputy Clerk Hege confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed.

Approval Of Agenda: Motion by Gill, second by McKee to approve agenda. Motion carried and agenda declared approved.

Supervisor Fleming arrived at 9:31 AM.

Approval Of Minutes From November 25, 2024 Meeting: Chair Carrow asked if there were any comments on or corrections to be made to the minutes from the November 25, 2024 meeting. Hearing none, Chair Carrow declared the minutes approved as published.

Public Comment: None.

Zoning Petitions:

A. Royce Dieter – Town Of Dayton: County Conservationist, Ms. Cathy Cooper presented the zoning petition to the committee. Royce Dieter joined via WebEx to make a brief comment to the committee. Dayton Town Chair Ms. Cheryl Dull joined via WebEx to make a brief comment to the committee. Discussion ensued. Motion by Hendricks, second by McKee to approve the zoning petition. Motion carried and the zoning petition was approved.

Reports:

A. Zoning Administrator: Departmental Activities: County Conservationist Cathy Cooper reported that Electra Drea had been hired as the Richland County Zoning Administrator, but was not able to come to the meeting because she was in new hire orientation with Human Resources. Conservationist Cooper reported that the holding tank pumping maintenance reminder letters were being sent out. Brief discussion ensued.

B. County Conservationist: Departmental Activities: County Conservationist Cathy Cooper reported that Conservation Tech Kori Rogers had sent out the self-compliance forms, the non-metallic mining report requests were being sent out, and there are two upcoming Nutrient Management classes happening on February 12th and February 21st. Conservationist Cooper also reported that she is working on updating the emergency management plan with data on the dams in Richland County and reminded the committee that the Richland County tree sale is still on going. Brief discussion ensued.

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C. UW-Extension: Departmental Activities: Mr. Adam Hady, Area 13 Extension Director, presented his December 2024 report to the committee for their review. Mr. Hady introduced Beth McIlquham, the Regional Livestock Educator to the committee. Ms. McIlquham briefly spoke and handed out copies of the Richland County Ag Update newsletter to the assembled committee members. Brief discussion ensued.

Discussion & Possible Action: Approval Of Short-Term Rental Ordinance: Chair Carrow presented the proposed ordinance to the committee and asked their thoughts on the ordinance as presented. Discussion ensued. Several community members, including Sheila Troxel (in person), Denise Ewing (via WebEx), and Bob Frank (in person) gave their input as well. Chair Carrow stated he would like County Corporation Counsel Michael Windle to review the document, but he was not in attendance at the meeting. Discussion continued. No action was taken.

Discussion & Possible Action: Modifications To The Richland County Zoning Ordinance: Conservationist Cooper presented the Richland County Zoning Ordinance to the committee. Discussion ensued. Conservationist Cooper stated that she thought that there should be a special meeting of the Natural Resources Standing Committee to go over the entire ordinance. Chair Carrow stated that everyone should read through the ordinance before that special meeting. Discussion on setting a date ensued. Conservationist Cooper stated that she would send out an email with date options to the committee members who were not present. No action was taken.

Discussion & Possible Action: Approval Of UW Extension Memorandum Of Understanding Between Richland County And UW Extension: Mr. Hady presented the Memorandum Of Understanding to the committee. Discussion ensued. Motion by Gill, second by Fleming to approve the UW Extension Memorandum Of Understanding between Richland County and UW Extension. Motion carried and the UW Extension Memorandum Of Understanding between Richland County and UW Extension was approved.

Correspondence: Conservationist Cooper gave a brief overview of correspondence with Corporation Counsel Windle in regards to various zoning violations in Richland County.

Future Agenda Items:

Discussion & Possible Action: Approval Of Short-Term Rental Ordinance – Steve Carrow

Adjourn: Chair Carrow entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by McKee, second by Fleming to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 10:21 AM.



Myranda H. Hege
Deputy County Clerk