CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by LCC Chairman Gerald Heimann.

Members Present: Micah Bahr, John Bartels, Kriss Marion, Jed Gant, Carmen McDonald

Members Not Present: Andy Schilling, Jack Sauer

Others Present: Max Blackbourn, Terry Loeffelholz, Amy Schulte, Kim Winslow

PROOF OF PROPER POSTING
The agenda was posted in the USDA Service Center, was sent to all county departments for posting, was posted on the Lafayette County website, and was sent to the press, the State Agencies, FSA, and NRCS.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA [Additions or Changes]:
Motion by Jed Gant, seconded by John Bartels, to move agenda item #8-Dave Tarrell-2020 Wildlife Damage Budget & 2019 Crop Prices, to take place after agenda item #5-Public Comment, and to remove agenda item #11-Closed Session. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2019
Motion by John Bartels, seconded by Micah Bahr, to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2019 meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

DAVE TARRELL-2020 USDA WILDLIFE DAMAGE BUDGET & 2019 CROP PRICES
Dave Tarrell, USDA-APHIS Wildlife Damage Technician, attended the meeting to present the proposed 2020 USDA Wildlife Damage budget for approval. Dave explained the program to the committee, and explained any changes. A motion was made by Kriss Marion, seconded by Micah Bahr, to approve the 2020 Wildlife Damage budget as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Dave then presented the 2019 Crop Prices used when appraising wildlife crop damage. A motion was made by Kriss Marion, seconded by Micah Bahr, to approve the proposed 2019 Crop Prices, and to use the same cut-off date when FSA reports that 90% of the County’s crops have been harvested. Voice vote. Motion carried.

USDA and OTHER DEPARTMENT REPORTS
Monthly report was submitted by NRCS, DATCP, and Carmen McDonald gave a report on behalf of FSA.

FIELD STAFF REPORTS and DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATE – Discussion and Possible Action if Cost-Share or Approvals are needed:
Max Blackbourn presented his monthly report. He requested approval of the proposed projects and cost-shares:
(4) funding approval for well decommission
(2) funding approval for cover crops
(1) funding approval for waste storage closure
(1) reimbursement approval for streambank protection
(1) reimbursement approval for well decommission

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular committee meeting.
(1) reimbursement approval for stream crossing
(2) reimbursement approval for cover crops
(1) reimbursement approval for waste storage closure

Amy then presented her monthly report, and requested approval of 2020 funding for a 1,000 ft rip-rap project, projected to cost $35,000. Amy wanted approval of this project at this time, due to the time it takes to get the DNR permit approval, and to give the contractor enough time to get the rock made for the project in the spring.

A motion was made by Jed Gant, seconded by Kriss Marion, to approve the proposed projects, funding approvals, and reimbursement approvals as presented by both Max and Amy. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Terry gave a brief report including working with the DNR on a Notice of Discharge, assisting Max with reshaping Greg White’s waterway, checking cover crops at Darlington Ridge, and assisting with the Grant County Land Judging in Lancaster.

RENT AND UPGRADES OF DARLINGTON AG OFFICE BUILDING
None

MULTI-DISCHARGE VARIANCE AND PHOSPHORUS TRADE
Multi-Discharge Variance - Terry reported the MDV funds for 2020 will be down from what was received in 2019.
Phosphorus Trading – no progress on the City of Darlington project due to poor fall weather.

CORRESPONDENCE
None

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS
A motion was made by Jed Gant, seconded by Micah Bahr, to approve (2) vouchers in the amounts of $7,789.30 and $11,863.78 as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- Multi-Discharge Variance and Phosphorus Trading update
- Darlington Ag Office renovations and rent increase
- Closed Session for Employee Performance Evaluations
- meet & greet new DNR Warden – Mike Byrnes

NEXT MEETING DATE
Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN
Motion by Jed Gant, seconded by Micah Bahr, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Minutes by: K.W.