

Coon Creek Community Watershed Council (CCCWC)
September Meeting/Program
Coon Valley Conservation Club
S1005 Knudson Lane Coon Valley, WI 54623
September 4, 2024

1. 5:30 – 6:30pm

Dinner prepared by Bruce and Zach King was served (beef tips, mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables, buns, cheese and relish trays prepared by Noble Rind, angel food cake and dessert sauces). Live music performed by Dylan Harris. Participation from approximately 75 attendees.

2. 6:45pm ~ A welcome and introductory remarks were made by Tucker Gretebeck, CCCWC Vice President about the 3rd anniversary of the watershed council and the 91st anniversary of the Coon Creek Watershed Demonstration Project
3. Historical Note ~ Marc Moilien, CCCWC Historian provided some historical background on the Coon Valley Conservation Club property.
4. Watershed Perspectives ~ Stories from the field were shared by Council Members:
 - a. Brady Nigh who spoke about his efforts starting a local business Simply Smoked LLC in the watershed
 - b. Carol Niklaus and Sarah Freeman spoke about the conservation improvements being implemented on their property in the watershed
5. State of the Watershed ~ Nancy Wedwick, CCCWC President, gave an address about the current circumstances facing the watershed community and the ever-increasing importance of council efforts, including the ability to pivoting
6. Coon Valley Conservation Club Project Tour - Bruce King, CVCC Treasurer, spoke about the implementation and areas for improvement for this project. Mat Eddy, Vernon County Land and Water Conservation Specialist discussed the partnerships involved to make this project on the ground possible and highlighted some of the technical aspects of the project. A walk down to and tour of the streambank restoration project followed.
7. Next meeting date and location: October 2, 2024 at Lovas Hill Rd & Co Hwy P, Westby - Matt Cantor will present on cover crops