

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT  
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS  
FEBRUARY 11, 2010**

The February 11, 2010 meeting of the Soil & Water Concerns committee was called to order by the Chair, Pete Flesch at 1 p.m. Pete verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Pete Flesch, Chair; Don Daentl; Henry Esser; Mike Kilburg; Wade Dull; and Sharon Marley. Harriet Behar was excused. Others present: Ellen Brooks; Bill Howe.

A motion was made by Don Daentl, second by Buzz Esser to approve the agenda and minutes as mailed made. Motion carried.

**The Crawford Stewardship Project**

Ellen Brooks spoke briefly about the DATCP listening session regarding the Livestock Siting Ordinance to be held on February 18, 2010.

March 18, 2010 a Public Hearing will be held regarding the WPDES permit.

**RUSS HAGEN, LCD**

Russ attended: The new computer in the office arrived. The funds from the Non-metallic Mining program from 2009 and 2010 were used.

A Valley Stewardship Network Grant has been approved. The grant is for 24 hours of monitoring service from the Conservation office.

A Non-metallic mining application was submitted for Bindl-Bauer Limestone Company of Spring Green, the 30 day review period will end March 5, 2010.

Russ would like to attend a Forestry Stewardship conference at Sinsinawa, WI on Saturday, March 13, 2010. A motion was made by Buzz Esser, second by Wade Dull giving Russ permission to attend. Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Buzz Esser, second by Mike Kilburg to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried. Mike abstained. Everyone else replied "aye".

The Crawford County Animal Waste Storage Ordinance Revisions were discussed. The application fee is \$300.

Wildlife Damage Claims were received. A motion to approve the payment for crop damage to the following landowners was made by Wade Dull, second by Don Daentl. Motion carried. All replied "aye".

Gaylon O'Neal     \$10,000  
Jim Fleming       \$ 5,538.56  
Harvey Zabel     \$ 1,069.20

John Zeherer \$10,000  
Sunrise Orchard \$10,000

A motion was made by Wade Dull, second by Mike Kilburg to set the final date of December 31, 2009 that damage can be claimed for crop damage. Motion carried. All replied "aye".

### **ADAM ACHENBACH, LAND & WATER PROJECT**

Adam's report: Adam is at a training session in Richland Center. He has mailed project contracts to several landowners.

### **RICK LANGE, NRCS**

Rick introduced Carol Fritche. She has been assigned as Soil Conservationist for Crawford and Richland County. Her home duty station will be Prairie du Chien. The EQIP allocation is here \$69,500 is available for various practices. WHIP applications are due February 19, 2010.

Rick will attend the WALCE conference in March.

Area wide competition for the Organic Initiative will be held until March 12. A list of practices is available.

Rick will be attending Burn Training in Stevens Point.

Rick will be giving a forestry presentation to the Kickapoo Wood Co-op.

### **GARY HARDEN, FORESTER**

Gary is not available today. Rick spoke with Gary and he is working on the Managed Forest Law Contracts.

### **VANCE HAUGEN, UWEX**

Vance is not available today.

### **JOHN BAIRD, FSA**

John held four information meetings for landowner/operators of the programs available through the Farm Service Agency. They were January 19 & 20 and January 26 & 27.

The Bio-mass (B-cap) program has been put on hold for the time being.

DCP sign up is taking place.

The next meeting will be held March 11, 2010 @ 2 p.m. at the Crawford County Administration Building.

A motion to adjourn was made by Buzz Esser, second by Wade Dull. Motion carried.

Submitted by Deanna Baker, Land Conservation Department Secretary