

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
April 7, 2010**

The April 7, 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 and amended agenda. Members present for roll call were Pete Flesch, Chair; Don Daentl; Henry Esser; Harriet Behar; Wade Dull; and Sharon Marley. Mike Kilburg was excused.

Others present: Peter Fletcher; Dave Bonifas; Edie Ehlert; and Bill Howe.

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

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Sharon Marley for her committee participation.

The Crawford Stewardship Project

Edie Ehlert spoke regarding the DNR Livestock Siting Public Hearing that was held March 18, 2010, at the Wauzeka Town Hall, regarding the WPDES permit. The permit has not been granted as yet.

The DNR has proposed general permits for dairy CAFO's. The comment period ends 4/23/2010.

The DNR is proposing a paperless notification on their website instead of Public Notice in Newspapers for requested permits. A motion was made by Harriet Behar, second by Wade Dull to notify the DNR that the public publication should be used for notification because 40% or more of the public may not have a computer. Motion carried.

The Environmental assessment and Environmental Impact Statement are an important part of the review process. A motion was made by Harriet Behar, second by Don Daentl to encourage the DNR to continue with the Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement and to encourage the legislature to fund the review process. Motion carried. All replied "aye".

RUSS HAGEN, LCD

Russ took part in the Forestry Day at Sinsinawa; DNR, Emerald Ash Borer session in LaCrosse; and an eagle count for pool 9, there are about 70 nests in this area.

The Ho-chunk nation would like to donate funds to counties that have Indian Land. They propose to donate \$1000 per acre. Crawford County has approximately 113 acres. The funds are to be used at the discretion of the County. The Land Conservation Department would like some of the funding to be used for conservation. There will be a meeting in Vernon County with the tribe.

The Land & Water Plan-Peter Fletcher, MRRPC presented the Land & Water Plan for 2010-2014. A motion was made by Wade Dull, second by Buzz Esser approving the draft of the Land & Water Plan. Motion carried.

Jerrod Powell has applied for the Conservation Camp Scholarship. Conservation Camp will be held in June. A motion was made by Don Daentl, second by Sharon Marley approving the application. Motion carried. All replied "aye".

Soil Stewardship Week is scheduled for April 25-May 2, 2010. A motion was made by Harriet Behar and second by Sharon Marley to present a proclamation to County Board for this event. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Wade Dull, second by Buzz Esser approving submitting the 2010-2011 Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Grant application. Motion carried.

Clerk's retirement: Dee Baker submitted June 4, 2010 as her retirement date. Thanks for this experience.

Bills: A motion was made by Wade Dull, second by Don Daentl to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried. All replied "aye".

ADAM ACHENBACH, LAND & WATER PROJECT

Adam's report: Surveying is complete for all but 1 of his projects.

RICK LANGE, NRCS

2 hoop houses were approved through EQIP and a manure pit.

GARY HARDEN, FORESTER

40 properties have signed up for the Managed Forest Law program. 1987 was the first MFL entries. 25 year contracts will be expiring this year.

Due to budge restraints Gary will not be getting an assistant this year.

MFL may hit the 40 acre enrollment, by statue counties will receive funding after hitting this mark. MFL funds are returned to the counties.

Southwest Badger Resource Conservation & Development will receive a grant for \$120,000 for assistance in eliminating the Emerald Ash Borer.

VANCE HAUGEN, UWEX

Vance is not available today.

JOHN BAIRD, FSA

John is not available today.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 13, 2010 @ 2 p.m. at the Crawford County Administration Building.

A motion to adjourn was made by Harriet Behar, second by Don Daentl. Motion carried.

Submitted by Deanna Baker, Land Conservation Department Secretary