

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
May 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Henry Esser at 1.55 p.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Pete Flesch, Henry Esser; Harriet Behar; Wade Dull, Mike Kilburg, and David Olson.

Others present: Don Daentl

Dull moved and Behar seconded to approve the minutes as mailed. The motion carried.

The board presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Don Daentl, former member for three years of service on the Land Use Planning sub-committee leading to the passage of the Crawford County Comprehensive Plan.

The board presented an engraved picture frame to Deanna Baker upon her upcoming retirement June 4 and thanked her for her 26 years of service to the county. The LCD/Zoning/NRCS staff presented a Leopold bench to Baker in appreciation for their years of service together.

Mississippi Regional Plan Commission

Russ Hagen, reported that the county Land and Water Plan revision has met the checklist by Wisconsin Department of Ag staff. He recommended the plan proceed to a public hearing June 10, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Olson moved and Behar seconded to have a hearing as Hagen recommended. The motion carried.

RUSS HAGEN, LCD

Baker reported that \$504 was realized as profit in the LCD's spring tree sale. Hagen reported that the request of the LCC for funding through the Ho Chunk gaming compact was not granted. Funding went to establish a county Native Peoples Gallery in the Administration building and to establish a county Economic Development Commission at \$10,000 for the Gallery and \$70,000 for the commission. Hagen reported giving informational talks about the Working Lands Initiative to the Farm Bureau executive board and the county Towns Association semi-annual meeting. He also gave a synopsis of the Mississippi River Fest held May 11 & 12 on St Ferriole Island. Over 700 students attended over the two days, he said. Hagen mentioned his presentation to the Boscobel 5th grade at the Paul Brandt School Forest.

The committee verbally agreed to take a summer boat tour of fish habitat work following the July regular meeting.

Hagen advised the committee of his upcoming counseling duties at Conservation Camp in Bruce, Wisconsin June 22 – 25 and that the summer intern Christine Pitzen would also counsel at the camp.

Hagen reported that the county Personnel committee gave verbal permission to hire a full-time temporary clerk for the Department at no more than \$8 per hr. He said he would try to hire a clerk quickly.

Dull moved and Behar seconded to accept and sign the final draft of the 2010 Soil & Water Grant as presented. Motion carried upon roll call.

Olson moved and Kilburg seconded to pay the snowmobile club maintenance bills as presented. Motion carried upon roll call.

Kilburg moved and Olson seconded to pay the LCD departmental bills as presented. Motion carried upon roll call.

ADAM ACHENBACH, LAND & WATER PROJECT

Baker read Achenbach's report that stated projects are scheduled to begin May 15. His report also said he was using Auto Cad, a design software, more frequently.

RICK LANGE, NRCS

Lange explained cost-share practices and updated the committee on his upcoming schedule.

GARY HARDEN, FORESTER

Harden was not present.

VANCE HAUGEN, UWEX

Haugen was not present.

JOHN BAIRD, FSA

Baird was not present.

The committee set their next meeting at Thursday June 10, 1:00 p.m. in the county Administration Building.

Behar moved and Kilburg seconded to adjourn. The motion carried.