

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Henry Esser at 10:10a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Harriet Behar, Wade Dull, and David Olson.

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

Others present: Ellen Brooks, Bill Howe, Patrick Dayton, Pete Flesch, and Greg Cerven

Ellen announced the Driftless Area meeting will be July 14. They will also be having a Karst workshop August 7th in Eastman.

Patrick Dayton presented the board with information on Wood Biomass Project the RC & D have been working on. RC&D will also begin a project to help assist landowner with forest management, specifically ash tree, and EAB.

RUSS HAGEN, LCD

The Land & Water plan has been finalized. Russ will be presenting this on August 3 in Madison. A motion was made to approve the final Land & Water Plan contingent on approval at the state. Wade moved and Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Hagen and Esser attended the Western Area meeting. Hagen presented pictures from the recent Conservation Camp that he and Christine attended as counselors. Christine gave a presentation on the dam inspection that was done in May. Transect survey was completed.

All nominees for Conservation Awards have accepted. The nominated were: Eugene Fritche Family – Conservation Farm Family; Andrea Christopherson – Water Quality Educator; Tim Eisele – Conservation Writer; The Nature Conservancy – Wildlife Habitat; Ron Leys – Conservation Legacy; Wayne Olson – Forester.

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

ADAM ACHENBACH, LAND & WATER PROJECT

Hagen reported the projects are starting slowly.

RICK LANGE, NRCS

Lange reported that they will be finishing up the CSP ranking this week, 7 applications were turned in. He attended a meeting last week on the local work group & 2011 EQIP. Must have the local work group finished and decision made by the end of October. There will be field office reviews next week. The 2011 EQIP applications had \$250,000 contracted for the last sign-up. \$279,000 was pick-up by the SW RC for WHIP.

GARY HARDEN, FORESTER

Harden was not present.

VANCE HAUGEN, UWEX

Haugen asked the board about accepting fluorescent light at the Ag Clean Sweep. Bulbs are currently not accepted and ag money could not be used. He will be gathering more information on cost if the board was interested. All board members were.

JOHN BAIRD, FSA

Baird informed the LCC board members about the expected USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General sign up which is anticipated to be held sometime this August, 2010, but no official date has been announced. He also informed the members that the deadline to report 2010 planted acres to FSA is July 15, 2010 which was not too far off. He also indicated that FSA operates on the farmer committee system and that this year the Crawford County FSA Committee election will be held in Eastman, Seneca, Haney and Scott townships. He stated the office had sent out post cards to eligible FSA voters (land owners and farm operators) in those townships informing them he had scheduled an informational meeting about how the Farm Service Agency operates. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at the Seneca Town Hall from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm.

The committee set their next meeting at Wednesday August 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Crawford County fair.

Olson moved and Dull seconded to adjourn. The motion carried.