

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT  
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS**

**September 9, 2009**

PRESENT: Pete Flesch, Chair; Buzz Esser; Wade Dull; Sharon Marley;  
Rich Marks, Surveyor; Gigi Collins, Property Lister; John Rybarczyk, Zoning

Don Daentl, V. Chair; Mike Kilburg, FSA; and Harriet Behar were excused

Others present: Bob Lenz; Edie Ehlert; and Merrily Helgerson and Bill Howe

The September 9, 2009 meeting of the Soil & Water Concerns committee was called to order by the Chair, Pete Flesch. Pete verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Pete Flesch, Chair; Henry Esser; Wade Dull; Sharon Marley.

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

**Roger Martin-Emergency Management**

The All Hazards Mitigation Plan grant ends September 30. The plan is close to complete and should be by the end of the year, an extension will be requested. The Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission is doing the work. Roger would like to request that the bill to MRRPC be paid to date and the County would be reimbursed when the grant is complete.

A motion was made by Pete, second by Wade to submit the payment process to the Finance committee to approve the payment. Motion carried. All replied "aye".

**The Crawford Stewardship Project**

Edie Ehlert: Discussion of where to find funding for the Karst Study. Merrily has had correspondence with Ken Bradbury of UWEX Geology and Natural History Survey. He would like to meet with Vernon and Crawford County to set up a geological and well study of the 2 counties. Edie will set up the meeting.

**RUSS HAGEN, LCD**

A grant to Vernon and Crawford County has been approved through the UWEX for Nutrient Management. It is to educate 15 landowners for education in the amount of \$11, 644.

Annasa Hornby the summer intern has returned to school. Russ submitted her exit interview.

The Oxbow Lake survey has been completed and Dave Marshall shall present it to the committee at the November 12, 2009 meeting.

Clean Sweep has been scheduled for October 9 & 10 at the County Highway shop in Gays Mills. There is a list on the website.

On October 1, 2009 the Gathering Waters Conservancy will honor Ben Logan.

Russ will attend the County Conservationist meeting in Stevens Point on September 9 & 10; and the Working Lands Initiative meeting in Richland Center on September 29, 2009.

A letter was received from the DNR reporting Unfavorable Opinion of Evaluations for Waste Storage & Transfer at the Roth Feeder Pig Operation. (Letter on File 9/09/09.)

Livestock Siting Ordinance changes were submitted to the County Board August 18, 2009 and approved.

Animal Waste Storage Ordinance changes will be presented at the December meeting. A date will be set at the October meeting for the public hearing.

The Deer Donation program was discussed. A motion was made by Buzz Esser, second by Wade Dull to amend the 2009 budget contract from \$10,500 to \$13,750 for the Deer Donation Program. Motion carried. All replied "aye".

A motion was made by Wade Dull, second by Sharon Marley to approve the 2010 Budget for the Land Conservation Department. Roll call vote, all replied "aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Buzz Esser, second by Wade Dull to approve the payment of the bills for the Land Conservation Department. Roll call vote, all replied "aye." Motion carried.

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

Adam is working on a project today. The Matt & Tracy Fernette project of an Access Road has been completed. The payment process was reviewed. A motion was made by Wade Dull, second by Buzz Esser approving the payment for the project. Motion carried. All replied "aye".

#### **RICK LANGE, NRCS**

Rick is not available today.

#### **GARY HARDEN, FORESTER**

Gary is not available today.

**VANCE HAUGEN, UWEX**

Vance is not available today.

**JOHN BAIRD, FSA**

John reported that September 30 is the Fiscal year end for the Farm Service Agency (FSA. The annual CRP payments will be made through Kansas City through electronic transfer after October 3, 2009.

The final DCP payments will be made by October 30, 2009.

A Bio-mass program has been initiated to assist landowners in the transportation of materials to processing sites. Contact the FSA office for further details.

The farm loan program for storage has been expanded to include buildings for hay and bio-mass storage. In the past it has just been for grain storage.

Bill Howe reported that an extremely large liquid fertilizer storage facility is being installed along the mainland by Dillman.

The next meeting will be held October 8, 2009 @ 1 p.m. at the Crawford County Administration Building.

Motion to adjourn made by Wade Dull, second by Buzz Esser. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Submitted by Deanna Baker, Land Conservation Department Secretary