

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
October 9, 2008**

PRESENT: Pete Flesch; Henry Esser; Harriet Behar; Don Daentl; Russ Hagen
Steve Bertjens, Southwest Badger RC & D

The October 11, 2008 meeting of the Soil & Water Concerns committee was called to order by the Chair, Pete Flesch. Pete verified the posting of the agenda as mailed. The above members were present for roll call. The following were excused; Wade Dull; Mike Kilburg, FSA; and Phil Mueller.

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

RUSS HAGEN, LCD

The 2009 budget was presented to the Finance Committee, it will then advance to County Board.

September 24& 25 Rural Household Clean Sweep & 26 Ag Chemical Clean Sweep was held at the Highway Department in Seneca. There were 41 participants. One of the interesting items brought in was approximately 2 lb of mercury.

A conservation tour will be held after the meeting today.

Motion by Harriet Behar, second by Don Daentl that Russ attend the Citizen Water Monitoring meeting in Onalaska October 24 and the State Speaking Contest November 8 in Stevens Point. Motion carried.

Some questions were addressed regarding the Deer Donation Program. The previous vendors do not want to distribute the meat. Cornerstone Church of Prairie du Chien has a Food Pantry and they will gladly distribute the meat.

Steve Bertjens of Southwest Badger RC & D informed the committee of some of their projects. The group is promoting economic development.

SWRM Grant 2009 the preliminary contract show that Crawford County will take cuts in the salary and project cost-share areas. A motion was made by Harriet Behar, second by Henry Esser that the committee go on record of supporting our 2009 grant without the cuts. Roll call vote, all replied "aye." Motion carried.

Wildlife damage budget for 2009- A motion was made by Henry Esser, second by Harriet Behar that the budget be approved as presented for \$17,700. Roll call vote, all replied "aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Henry Esser, second by Don Daentl 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 traveled to Wautoma for CORE conservation training. Motion carried.

Motion by Henry Esser, second by Don Daentl approving the payment of completed projects. All replied "aye". Motion carried.

RICK LANGE, NRCS, NRCS

Rick was unavailable today.

GARY HARDEN, FORESTER

Gary is not available today.

VANCE HAUGEN, UWEX

An interest was expressed in dairy goat grazing, besides other grazing opportunities.

JOHN BAIRD, FSA

John is not available today.

The next meeting will be November 13, 2008 at 2 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Don Daentl, second by Henry Esser. Motion carried.

Submitted by Deanna Baker, Land Conservation Department Secretary