

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
November 12, 2009

PRESENT: Pete Flesch, Chair; Don Daentl; Mike Kilburg; Harriet Behar; Henry Esser; Wade Dull

The November 12, 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; Don Daentl; Mike Kilburg; Harriet Behar; and Henry Esser. Sharon Marley was excused.

Others present: Merrily Helgerson; Ellen Brooks; and Dave Marshall.

A motion was made to approve the agenda and minutes as corrected by Mike Kilburg second by Harriet Behar. Motion carried.

The Crawford Stewardship Project

Ellen Brooks: Discussion of the Karst Study. The Driftless Area Initiative received a letter of recommendation from the Land Conservation Committee. The Driftless Area Initiative voted unanimously to support the Karst study and request that the Senators and Legislatures support this study and find funding.

November 12, 2009 there will be a meeting about the Karst in Soldiers Grove. Ken Bradbury, US Geological Survey has been contracted to present a workshop in January.

A motion was made by Harriet Behar, second by Henry Esser that a letter from the committee be sent to the Crawford County Board encouraging them to support the Driftless Area Initiative with funding for the Karst Study. Motion carried. All replied, "aye."

RUSS HAGEN, LCD

Dave Marshall completed the Oxbow Lake study in the Wisconsin River. The grant provided funding to survey 10 oxbow lake sites; actually they located 16.

Oxbow lakes provide early life spans of river species. This is the beginning of a 4 yr study. A public information meeting will be held in January.

Ag Clean Sweep was held October 9 & 10 at the County Highway shop at Seneca. About 30 people participated. Approximately 1 ½ lbs of mercury was collected.

October 19, the Conservation Speaking & Poster Award program was held at the North Crawford School. First place speaker in the 4-6 grade division was Hope Williams.

The State Speaking & Poster Contest was held in Stevens Point. In the Speaking contest Hope did not place.

In the Poster Contest Lisa Unman, Wauzeka-Steuben School placed 2nd and Patrick Schwanz, North Crawford School placed 3rd in the State Competition.

Russ gave a presentation at the Boscobel School Forest on October 21, 2009.

Our budget was cut 10%.

Information was received from the Department of Commerce that a grant can be applied for, for LIDAR mapping for the whole County. To do the 599 sq miles it would cost about \$400,000.

A motion was made by Harriet Behar, second by Mike Kilburg to approve the 2010 Wildlife Damage Program contract for \$10,500. Motion carried. Roll call vote, all replied "aye".

A motion was made by Mike Kilburg, second by Don Daentl to approve the payment of the bills for the Land Conservation Department. Roll call vote, all replied "aye." Motion carried.

A Public Hearing will be held this afternoon, November 12 from 4-5 p.m. at the County Administrative Building regarding the Manure Storage Ordinance Revisions.

Non-Metallic Mining Ordinance: The Airport Pit will begin operation in 2010. The Ahrens Pit will be inactive in 2010.

A motion was mad by Don Daentl, second by Harriet Behar that the Conservation Aides grant for 2010 be awarded to the Prairie du Chien Rod & Gun club for the Tainter Creek Trout Stream Habitat improvement. Motion carried. All replied, "aye."

A motion was made by Wade Dull, second by Don Daentl to approve the Wildlife Damage reimbursement for 2009 apples \$16 a bushel, and apple whips at \$9.75. Motion carried. All replied, "aye."

A motion was made by Mike Kilburg, second by Wade Dull approving the payment of the bills presented. Motion carried. All replied, "aye."

ADAM ACHENBACH, LAND & WATER PROJECT

Adam is at a construction site today.

RICK LANGE, NRCS

The NRCS annual report was submitted.

Contracting for CSP (Conservation Stewardship Practice) have been submitted. All contracts have to be signed by December 31, 2009.

The Local Work Group meeting was held, the minutes are attached. Local pools have been replaced by Priority Practices.

Rick judged the Conservation speaking contest and a Soil judging contest.

Rick attended the World Dairy Expo in Madison. The Grazing Land Initiative was promoted for dairying.

GARY HARDEN, FORESTER

Gary is not available today.

VANCE HAUGEN, UWEX

Vance assisted at the Ag Clean Sweep and attended the World Dairy Expo.

JOHN BAIRD, FSA

The Farm Service Agency in Crawford County made \$3.3 million in payments. Through department changes the 2009 payments have been made through the national system.

Payments for the 2008 disaster program are being made.

Through the B-cap program cost share will be available for transportation to the processing company for bio-fuels.

Emergency dairy funds are going to be sent out by the national office in December.

The next meeting will be held December 3, 2009 @ 1 p.m. at the Crawford County Administration Building.

Motion to adjourn made by Wade Dull, second by Henry Esser. Motion carried.

Submitted by Deanna Baker, Land Conservation Department Secretary