

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
December 3, 2009**

The December 3, 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; Wade Dull; Mike Kilburg; Harriet Behar; and Sharon Marley. Henry Esser was excused.

Others present: Ellen Brooks; Bill Howe.

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

The Crawford Stewardship Project

Ellen Brooks thanked the committee for developing the Resolution that the Driftless Area Initiative research funding to conduct the Karst Study.

RUSS HAGEN, LCD

The application for LiDAR (Light Detection & Ranging) funding will be submitted to the Department of Commerce on Friday, December 4, 2009.

A motion was made by Mike Kilburg, second by Harriet Behar approving Russ' attendance to the RC & D meeting in Richland Center on December 4, 2009. Motion carried. All replied "aye".

Pool # 9 on the Mississippi River has been listed as an "impaired" water because of the mercury levels found in fish.

A motion was made by Wade Dull, second by Mike Kilburg approving Russ' travel to LaCrosse to the Midwest Organic Conference January 25-27, 2010. Registration is \$150. Motion carried. All replied "aye".

A motion was made by Don Daentl, second by Harriet Behar that a resolution be taken to County Board December 15, 2009 supporting the Request for the Driftless Area Initiative to the United State Geological Service for a Groundwater Vulnerability study. Motion carried. All replied "aye".

Pete will attend the WLWCA conference. One of the resolutions that will be presented is pertaining to well testing. A motion was made by Harriet Behar, second by Don Daentl to approve this resolution. Motion carried

A motion was made by Pete second by Wade Dull that Pete will vote no for the Whitetail deer Resolution. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Wade Dull, second by Don Daentl to approve the ordinance changes to the Animal Waste Storage Ordinance and present them to the County Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Wade Dull, second by Sharon Marley to set the animal damage rates as follows: Corn \$3.64 a bushel Young apple trees \$9.35 each Apples- \$22 a bushel Small apple tree whips by bunch \$2.50. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Harriet Behar, second by Sharon Marley to publish the Annual Report in the shopping news. Motion carried. All replied "aye".

Update regarding the Roth Feeder Pig permit. The WDPES permit has not been issued.

Bills: A motion was made by Harriet Behar, second by Mike Kilburg to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried. All replied "aye".

ADAM ACHENBACH, LAND & WATER PROJECT

Adam's report: All of the 2009 projects have been completed. A motion was made by Mike Kilburg, second by Don Daentl to approve the payment for the Platt Brown diversion. Motion carried. All replied "aye".

RICK LANGE, NRCS

Under the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) the landowner information we have in the office is not to be shared with anyone other than the landowner. A motion was made by Don Daentl, second by Wade Dull to follow the FOIA guidelines. Motion carried.

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program) 6 contracts have been accepted.

Signup for EQIP and WHIP will be held January 19 through February .

GARY HARDEN, FORESTER

Gary is not available today.

VANCE HAUGEN, UWEX

Vance is not available today.

JOHN BAIRD, FSA

John is not available today.

The next meeting will be held January 14, 2010 @ 2 p.m. at the Crawford County Administration Building.

Motion to adjourn made by Don Daentl, second by Wade Dull. Motion carried.

Submitted by Deanna Baker, Land Conservation Department Secretary