

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
LAND USE CONCERNS
May 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Esser at 9:00 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, David Olson, Harriet Behar, Don Dudenbostel and Wade Dull.

A motion was made by Olson to approve the agenda as posted and minutes as mailed. Behar seconded. Motion carried.

RIVER CLEAN UP STATUS-DALE KLEMME

Dale Klemme indicated bid opening was in the LCD office on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 for Phase I of the program and there was only one bid. It was rejected due to being too high. Bids were re-advertised and a project end date moved to October 31, 2016. We received four bids. Information was distributed detailing the four bids.

Dull made the motion to accept the lowest bid of \$86,800 to Action Earthmovers, second by Olson and motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Phase II of the project should be ready to bid out by the end of June.

GIGI COLLINS, Property Lister

Gigi indicated her office has been working on assessment roles.

Discussion was held on the presentation by Transcendent Technology for a new assessment/tax program. A few things would have to change. The program works well and links with the Register of Deeds, with the GIS System and tax bills from treasurer's office. Everything would be on line. The Clerk's office would still need to be on the AS400. They presented information for the LCD with a Farmland Preservation Program; Dave indicated we currently have about 110 farms in the program. The Zoning Program would include all inventories in the past and be a tremendous help for looking up as everything is on paper currently.

Finance is meeting next Wednesday and Martin will be presenting the information and hopefully we will have a better idea of the cost of the software at that time or possibly a quote. Delinquent tax sales have been bringing in a great deal of money and hopefully those monies could be used to go towards the cost of this project. There will be a yearly maintenance fee involved to keep the software updated. Initial price includes complete conversion. This program will not do general receipting.

Dave Troester stated that at his regional Land & Water Meeting on May 24 an agenda item concerning this software for Farmland Preservation by Transcendent Technology is on the agenda.

Gigi presented a CSM for Larry & Pamela Lorenz, Town of Seneca; they are combing 3 lots into 1 big lot. Motion by Behar to approve the Lorenz, Town of Seneca, CSM contingent upon the reviewing agencies, second by Olson. Motion called unanimously.

Dull motioned to pay bills as presented, second by Behar. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

JOHN RYBARCZYK- Zoning and Sanitation Department

An inventory of septic systems is required by October this year. This is a fairly toothless mandate of the state DSPS. The Transcendent Tech online records software recognizes that septic systems are a land record. Current data is on paper only and would require manual entry. This inventory would integrate with Land Records. Of the 45 sanitary permit searches done last year, 38% were logged as 'no file found'.

A letter from Canadian Pacific Rail stated the ICC Termination Act of 1995 preempts local regulation of telecommunication facilities for rail operations and they don't need permission from the county for a tower. An \$800 tower permit was applied for and approved by the Town of P du C.

The GLBT (Great Lakes Basin Transportation) is proposing a new rail line 278 miles long and 200 feet wide from La Porte, Indiana to Milton, Wisconsin. This would alleviate the bottleneck in Chicago.

A new Shoreland Zoning Ordinance should be adopted by mid-October. The county is waiting for any more last minute changes to the current model ordinance. The legislature is notorious for their tinkering. Their latest change to NR115 focuses on property rights and a new model ordinance will be out shortly.

Bills were presented with a motion to approve made by Dull, second by Behar. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RICH MARKS- Surveyor

They plan to complete work on farm lot corners on the south side of PdC. Plans to do filing in office the rest of the week.

Motion by Dull, second by Behar to pay Valley Land Survey, LLC, bill as presented. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, June 14, 2016. Behar will be unable to attend and was excused.

Olson made the motion to adjourn at 9:45 a.m., second by Behar. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Harriet Behar, Secretary

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