

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
March 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chair Esser at 10:00 a.m. Members present for roll call were Wade Dull, Henry Esser, David Olson and Jerry Achenbach. Harriet Behar was excused due to bad weather.

Motion by Olson to approve the minutes as mailed and agenda as posted, second by Achenbach. Motion carried unanimously.

Crawford Stewardship Project Report

Ellen Brooks was absent due to bad weather. Dave distributed copies of the Farmer Forum: Adapting Your Farm to Changing Markets.

Dave Troester asked that Dave Connolly discuss the 2013-14 Conservation Aids Project (which was to be discussed under his report) he is working on with the Gays Mills Economic Development Corp. on the boat landings. They are requesting to have a portion of their bill paid in advance and they will pay the match of \$1,350. Motion by Olson to advance a payment to Showen Construction and Excavating, LLC. of \$1,350.00 for the Gays Mills 2013-14 Conservation Aides Boat Landing project with the local match. Second by Achenbach. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Esser requested that item 6. Layer Barn Proposal presentation be addressed at this time concerning Achenbach, LLC by Steve and Bob, representatives from Big Gain. After the presentation of how the facility would operate Dave Troester discussed applicability of requirements of the Livestock Siting Ordinance and the Animal Waste Storage Ordinance. As the facility will equate to 400 animal units our Livestock Siting Ordinance does not apply. It was also discussed and determined that since there is no true manure storage facility or structure the Animal Waste Ordinance does not apply as well; this is consistent with what most other counties do. A Nutrient Management plan is required by the egg company. Animal care and food safety are of utmost importance and will be FDA audited. Dull made the motion that the Layer Barn Proposal does not fall under any county ordinance. Seconded by Olson. Motion Carried. Jerry Achenbach excluded from voting.

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Dave discussed the Conservation Aides Project, Poster & Speaking Contest, NRCS Field Office Review was held, attended the Prescribed Fire Conference, attended the NRCS Resource Refresher Day at which Karyl and he did a presentation on Cover Crops, and tree orders are coming into the office. Dave indicated we received confirmation that we were awarded \$18,000 over a 4 year period to go toward the control of Japanese Hops in Copper Creek. SW Badger received an Aquatic Grant to fund 2 positions 75% and one of these individuals will be housed out of the Crawford County Land Conservation Department for 1 year so we are working on getting another telephone line, etc., to make this possible. Dennis Kirschner will be the new SW Badger representative for Crawford County and the quarterly meeting will be held this Friday. Dave presented a copy of our annual report to the committee.

Bills were presented. Olson made the motion to pay bills as presented, second by Dull, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

NOLAN MANURE STORAGE PERMIT

Dave stated that in December 2012 Nolan's paid their \$350.00 permit fee and today is the sit showing for bids for the second stage of the pit project. Dave indicated all is in order and he recommended approving the permit. Motion by Achenbach to issue permit, seconded by Dull. Motion carried unanimously.

GROUNDWATER RESOLUTION

Dave distributed copies of the resolution Regarding Groundwater Legislation and Current and Future Reviews of High-Capacity Well Applications in Crawford County. Discussion followed. Motion by Olson to postpone the resolution indefinitely, seconded by Achenbach. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS (Not Present)

KARYL FRITSCHER, NRCS (Not Present)

Dave indicated CSP deadline was extended to 03/13/2015.

DNR FORESTER (Hiring put on hold)

VANCE HAUGEN, UWEX (Not Present)

JOHN BAIRD, FSA (Not Present)

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m. or immediately following the Land Use Meeting.

Olson made the motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m., second by Achenbach. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Wolcott
LCD Secretary

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