

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
October 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Esser at 10:05 a.m. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Dave Olson, Harriet Behar and Don Dudenbostel. Wade Dull was excused.

Motion by Olson to approve the minutes as mailed, second by Dudenbostel. Motion carried unanimously.

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Dave indicated the Youth Conservation Day to be held on Thursday, September 22 at Sugar Creek Bible Camp was postponed to Tuesday, September 27th due to flooding; however, the day turned out beautiful and students, teachers and presenters all enjoyed the educational experience. Clean Sweep plans are coming together for Friday, October 28th; however, we are in need of volunteers to help with the event. The Farmland Preservation Plan maps are being finalized with townships. Dave Bonifas, MRRPC, will be coming down on Thursday to go over all the maps and details. A meeting with Soldiers Grove Village was held concerning the Phosphorus Rule, Water Quality Trading and Adaptive Management which is a voluntary compliance option for point source facilities to comply with phosphorus limits in NR 217. The LCD will continue working with the village to help coordinate whatever cost share they may be eligible for. The cover crop project is looking good and cost share funds will be coming to the county shortly.

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

2017 WILDLIFE BUDGET – GREG CERVEN

Greg Cerven distributed copies of the Wildlife Budget and indicated the only change is he took off funds for the Deer Donation projects as both lockers in Crawford County have decided not to participate in the program. Discussion of wildlife damage being done and the wildlife involved (deer, bears, pigs, wolves, etc.).

Motion by Behar to approve the Wildlife Budget as presented, second by Dudenbostel. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS

Travis indicated lots of phone calls for erosion problems due to all the rain and lots of repairs to previous projects and site visits. Two CREP contracts were completed and sent in. Adam and he will be doing a lot of surveying for the remainder of the year and one manure storage and one dam for this season.

KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS

Raelene Hegge, new NRCS Soil Conservationist represented the office. She indicated they have been working on the cover crop payments, training for CSP in Madison and 175 applications for EQIP. She stated that Crawford County is much different than other places she has been used to working in as there are many more applications.

Kobby Antwi, DNR (not present)

VANCE HAUGEN, UW Extension (not present)

JOHN BAIRD, FSA (not present)

Public Comment - Crawford Stewardship Project

Forest Jahnke stated the CSP tries to bring only pertinent information to the LCC meetings. They are aware that the state and DNR are not capable of fulfilling their obligations and that is why they bring this information to the county level. He stated he would have any volunteers that would be able to help with the Clean Sweep to contact the LCD office.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Olson made the motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m., second by Behar. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harriet Behar
Secretary

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