

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
October 13, 2015

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

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

Crawford Stewardship Project Report

Forest Jahnke gave the report for the CSP. Edie and he had went to Madison and attended meetings concerning the High Capacity Well Bill that is being presented which would eliminate DNR reviews that are currently in place and any other monitoring. He indicated they have not heard anything regarding the Roth Feeder Pig Permit Review and were told all parties would be informed when a decision was made.

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Youth Conservation Day was held on Thursday, September 24th for area schools and it was a beautiful day. The kids had a great learning experience with all presenters doing a wonderful job. The Clean Sweep is scheduled for Friday, October 30 at the Highway Department and monies have been coming in from the city of PdC, towns and villages to help pay for this event. Dave indicated he is currently working on SEG contracts and doing site visits as well as finishing up an extended contract from 2014.

Discussion was held concerning making a donation to Sugar Creek Bible Camp for the use of their facilities. Motion by Dull to make a donation of \$100 to Sugar Creek Bible Camp for the use of their facilities for Youth Conservation Day. Second by Behar. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

Wildlife Project, Greg Cerven

Greg Cerven presented the 2016 Wildlife Budget Request. Motion by Olson, second by Behar to approve and sign the Wildlife budget request as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

DAVE BONIFAS, MRRPC (NOT PRESENT)

Dave Troester distributed (or had emailed) information from Dave Bonifas containing what other counties have set for their Farmland Preservation Plan goals & polices to help the committee in determining our goals, along with our goals in the current Comprehensive Plan. The committee decided to go with our goals and the Comprehensive Plan goals with a few changes and Dave Troester will email them to MRRPC. Harriet indicated there were 11 certified Organic Farms in Crawford County from October 1, 2014 thru September 30, 2015.

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS

Travis indicated all but 2 projects are completed; hopefully bills will be coming in soon so checks can be cut and reimbursement requested from DATCP. He stated it looks like we will be extending only one project into 2016. He sprayed the willows at the dam and hopes to get surveying done before it gets too cold.

KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS (NOT PRESENT)

DNR FORESTER – Kobby Antwi (Not present)

VANCE HAUGEN, (NOT PRESENT)

JOHN BAIRD, FSA

CRP Payments are being made. This is the first year they are paying older CRP contracts first. Election is coming up for part of the county. A general CRP sign up will be held from December 1, 2015 to February 26, 2016. There is now a CRP Grazing Program for Pasteur land but have had no one interested in it to date. MPP Dairy Program was extended and half of the dairies are enrolled in the program right now. Ag Commodity people are waiting for the rate to be announced and then 2014 payments to follow. He indicated all of his new staff are working out well.

Ben Wegleitner, Southwest Badger, informed the committee of his activities in the last month. He is writing a grant for Citron Creek as Japanese Hops has been found in that area.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 10:00 a.m. or immediately following the Land Use Meeting. County Board will be meeting at 1:00 p.m. on this day to approve the budget.

Behar made the motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m., second by Achenbach. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harriet Behar, Secretary

DT:HB:cjw