

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**  
**SOIL & WATER CONCERNS**  
**December 8, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Esser at 9:55 a.m. Members present for roll call were Harriet Behar, Henry Esser, David Olson, Wade Dull and Jerry Achenbach.

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

**Crawford Stewardship Project Report**

Ellen Brooks distributed copies of a press release concerning the groundwater protection bill. The bill seeks to identify and protect areas that are particularly susceptible to groundwater contamination due to shallow soil depths and topographical features known as karst. CSP is moving forward with plans on doing a KARST study.

**Kickapoo River Clean Up – Dale Klemme**

Dale discussed the previous work done on the Kickapoo River and funding. He indicated there are about 108 snags on the river and approximately 400 leaners that need to be addressed. Final application will be made for \$206,000.00 to complete the work on the Kickapoo. Motion by Dull, second by Behar to Support the Resolution to Update Citizen Participation Plan and Resolution Related to applying for the Crawford County CBRG for the Kickapoo River Clean Up to be presented at the County Board next Tuesday. Motion carried unanimously.

**Wildlife Program – Greg Cerven**

Greg presented the Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Program Plan of Administration for the next 5 years. Motion by Dull, second by Behar to participate and carry out the Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Program Plan of Administration for the next 5 years. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Achenbach, second by Olson to set the following commodity prices: corn \$3.51, soybeans \$8.49, Hay \$112 per ton, mixed hay \$67, apples \$38, apple trees \$9.25 and bittersweet \$9.90. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Behar, second by Olson to set the 80% harvest date for 11/20/2015. Motion carried unanimously.

**DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION**

The Clean Sweep was held on Friday, October 30 and we finally received the bill from Dynamic Recycling and it was over \$10,000.00 due to the large amount collected on that day and the need for 5 semitrailers. Dave presented a letter he will present to county board members along with collection totals and cost from the past 3 years. It looks like we will be \$3,000-\$4,000 short of funds to pay Dynamic. He will be going to finance committee and asking for additional funds. The department will need much discussion concerning next year's event and how to pay for it.

March 2 to 4 is the Annual WLWCA Conference in Elkhart Lake and Dave requested that all 3 employees be able to attend from the Land Conservation Dept. Motion by Olson to allow Dave, Travis and Carol to attend the WLWCA conference in Elkhart Lake March 3 & 4. Second by Dull. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The county conservation contest posters must be into our office by January 20<sup>th</sup>. The county speaking contest will be held shortly after. So far North Crawford Schools is the only participating school for the speaking contest. The regional contests will be held in Viroqua early in February for both posters and speaking.

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

**Non-Metallic Mining Fees**

Motion by Dull to keep all non-metallic mining fees the same as last year. Second by Olson. Motion carried.

**MRRPC-Farmland Preservation Plan Update**

The Farmland Preservation Plan statistics have been emailed and we hope to have a draft document prior to the January meeting so committee members have time to look it over before our January 12 meeting.

**TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS, Not Present**

**KARYL FRITSCHER, NRCS, Not Present**

**Kobby Antwi, DNR Forester**

Kobby indicated that on open MFL properties there have been some trespassing issues during the hunting season. The department is digitalizing property lines and there is an app to be downloaded on your telephone to make sure you are hunting on open land and not private property. Cody Didier, Ranger at Boscobel, will be the acting forester for Crawford County as Kobby will be out of the office for approximately a month.

**VANCE HAUGEN, UW-Extension**

Vance stated he had looked over the Farmland Preservation Plan and made some corrections due to previous errors. There is currently a re-organization of UW-Extension Staff and offices that will result in "not business as usual" and changes will be made due to a cut of 15% in funds statewide in the university system.

**JOHN BAIRD, FSA**

John indicated they will be having a county meeting this Thursday and that will determine if Jerry Achenbach will remain as their representative on the Land Conservation, Planning and Zoning Committee. CRP general sign up has started and they have been working with Kobby as customers cannot be in both CRP and the Managed Forest program. CRP Annual rental payments went out in October and 2014 funds were distributed with 1.6 million in Crawford County. 2016 ARC started yesterday.

**Ben Wegleitner, Southwest Badger**, wanted to thank Dave and the LCD for help with the Invasive Species Grant he is applying for in Citron Creek as Japanese Hops has been found in that area.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Harriet Behar, Secretary

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