

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
February 9, 2021

The Zoom/Teleconference meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Olson at 9:40 a.m. Olson verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Bob Standorf and Wade Dull. Kim Moret joined the meeting at 10:07. Edward Hayes-Hall was excused. Wade Dull left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by Standorf to approve the minutes as mailed, second by Dull. Motion carried unanimously.

GREG CERVEN, WILDLIFE DAMAGE CLAIMS

Cerven presented the 2020 Wildlife Damage Claims. West Ridge Orchard – Gaylon O’Neal, Chris Beachy, and Star Valley Flowers - John Zehrer did not meet the shooting tag requirements this year. Greg, DNR Biologist Dan Golts, and Dave Troester all agreed that claims should not be paid to participants that did not meet the requirements of the program. Motion by Standorf, second by Dull to pay the Wildlife Damage Claim as presented for Jeff Werthwein \$5653.73, who did meet his shooting tag goal. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Troester stated he attended the monthly Department Head meeting. Currently working on the DAWS spring water testing. Received the updated parcel list from the Property Lister's and working on the randomized list for each township. Letters will be mailed out next week and the water samples will be collected on April 19th. Troester attended finance to get the final approval for the spring testing. The Clean Sweep contract has been signed and submitted to DATCP. Tentative Clean Sweep date is October 22nd. Still waiting to sign the Surface Water/AIS grant, due to verbiage issues. At the area poster contest Calvin Fisher, placed first in the K-1 division and will be moving on the State Contest. The tree sale is currently going on and we are starting to sell out of a few varieties. The snowmobile trails are open and the office has received a lot of calls regarding access and lodging options.

Work Plan & LWRM Plan Review

Discussion took place on the 2021 Annual Work Plan and the five-year review of our Land and Water Resource Management Plan. Motion by Dull to submit the Annual Work Plan second by Standorf. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills

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

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS

Bunting stated he has gotten a few calls on the DAM, it is up for a 10 year inspection by a certified engineer. Mike Dreschmeir from NRCS is planning on doing the inspection but this will be the last year he will be able to. Future inspections will have to be done by a private engineer. In December three engineers from NRCS came out and did some soil investigations on the drainage design Mike had done. Soil verification was done to see if the design meets the soils, not sure when the results will be received. The operation maintenance agreement will expire in 2075 for the DAM. Working on design work and checking over Adam's designs for NRCS. Attended the Tech update over the phone. Still no answers on the stream bank design changes. Not doing surveying due to the amount of snow and cold temperatures. Currently looking for a few projects for this year's funding. Bunting updated the committee on the 2020 extended funds and the 2021 funds.

KARYL FRITSCHKE, NRCS

Fritsche stated they are just getting started with EQUIP obligations. In the new location but have some issues with the phone lines and hoping to get them resolved soon.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth, Brandon Sieck

Walroth stated she helped judge the area poster contest along with Rebecca Vasquez. Rebecca accepted another position and will start working in Richland County in March. Met with approx. seven land owners regarding cost sharing. A virtual workshop for land owners will be held on February 24, from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

UW Extension Carolyn Ihde(Not Present)

Fair is scheduled for the last week of August and a new fair coordinator has been hired.

FSA – Bob Standorf

Standorf stated the office is still open by phone appointment. The COC election took place in December, Chad Sime was re-elected and will serve a 3 year term. General CRP sign up ends February 12th. The CRP Grassland starts March 15th – April 23rd. Agricultural Risk Coverage/Price Loss Coverage deadline is March 15th. No information is available for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 3.

Public Comment

Ellen Brooks Crawford Stewardship Project stated that 2021 is the International year of Caves and Karst. CSP will be having extra educational events this year on the Karst. There is also a Karst exploration Area Program that began last year with Minnesota, Iowa & WI. They are working on establishing a Karst trail, which would be a driving self-tour in the Driftless region. Nothing is up and running yet. Brooks stated CSP is happy the DAWS water testing is continuing and are willing to help.

Gillian Pomplun informed the committee she attended the Tainter Creek Watershed Council meeting. They received funding again this year and will be conducting spring water testing the same time as DAWS. They also received some funds from the Crawford County Community Fund and have a streambank education event tentatively planned for September. The week of February 22nd there will be a zoom meeting, Vernon & Monroe Counties will be working on updating their manure storage ordinance.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

Standorf made the motion to adjourn at 10:25 a.m., second by Moret. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel
Administrative Assistant

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