

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION, PLANNING & ZONING
DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
December 11, 2018**

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

Behar made the motion to approve the minutes as mailed, second by Dudenbostel. Motion carried unanimously.

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION, PLANNING & ZONING CONSERVATIONIST

Troester indicated the tree sales will be starting soon and went over the trees that will be for sale this year. Information on the tree sales will be going online soon and emails/mailings will go out, orders will be accepted through March 15th. The speaking and poster contest is coming up. Posters are due mid-January and waiting to hear from the schools regarding the speaking contest participation. Cover Crop payments have been coming in, just waiting on a couple of payments. Working with the snowmobile clubs and doing some mapping of the trails for the DNR. Clubs are having some issues with getting the trails marked. Some landowners do not want them marking the trails or riding on them until the hunting seasons are over. The Towns of Utica & Haney are working with MRRPC to get their Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance re-certified. Still waiting on payment from the Town of Clayton for the TV's collected at the Clean Sweep event.

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

Non-Metallic Mining Fees

A copy of the Fees for the Non-Metallic Mining program was distributed and discussed.

Motion by Behar to keep the 2019 fees the same as they were in 2018, second by Dudenbostel. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

GREG CERVEN, WILDLIFE PROGRAM

A list of commodity crop prices for 2018 was distributed as follows: Corn \$3.42/bu., Soybeans \$8.52/bu., Alf Hay \$142/ton, Mix hay \$84.58/ton, Stem's \$2.00 and Apples \$38.00/bu.

Motion by Dull to approve crop prices as follows: Corn \$3.42/bu., Soybeans \$8.52/bu., Alf Hay \$142/ton, Mix hay \$84.58/ton, Stem's \$2.00 and Apples \$38.00/bu., second by Behar. Motion carried unanimously.

Cerven suggested a November 25, 2018 date for 80% harvest date.

Motion by Olson to set November 25, 2018 for the 80% harvest date, second by Behar. Motion carried unanimously.

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS

Bunting indicated he has been working on end of the year figures and there will be some projects extended into next year. He will be working on getting those extensions done with DATCP. Out doing surveys and experienced instrument failure, a new battery is needed before he can resume surveying. Will start working on designs in January.

Brandon Bleuer, Southwest Badger RC&D

Bleuer gave an update on the projects he worked on throughout the summer and his future projects. He was busy working with the UW Madison and private forest landowners in the area and surveying properties for invasive species and writing management plans. All the data that is collected goes into a statewide database that is used by the DNR & UW Madison on the trends of the invasive species. Bleuer stated he is working with Prairie du Chien, looking at the ash trees and helping them come up with plans on tree removal/treatments.

Also working with other forest landowners and getting them into EQIP programs & WI forest landowner grant program for invasive species control. Future projects consist of; working on getting Southern WI Invasive Species Coalition revitalized, holding some invasive species workshops, continue working with the private forest land owners and writing management plans.

KARYL FRITSCHÉ, NRCS, (not present)

Fritsche was at an employee meeting in Richland Center- Troester read a report to the committee that Fritsche emailed. Applications for EQIP have been submitted there will be another signup tentative deadline May 2019. Select fund pools are available; Conservation Activity Plans, Organic, Seasonal High Tunnel and Honey Bee Pollinator. All cover crop payments have been made on the aerial project. James Bultman resigned as the soil con and Jacob Hawes will be starting in January as the grazing specialist/soil con contracted through SW Badger RC&D. Any other programs are on standstill until the Farm Bill is resolved.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth, (not present)

Troester read an email that Walroth had sent. She thanked the committee for allowing the presentation to the Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year. Brandon Sieck will be replacing Chrissy Shaw in the southern part of Crawford County and working with private forest landowners. If his schedule allows he will come to the meeting in January.

UW EXTENSION - NOT PRESENT

Dull indicated that they will be sharing an Ag Agent, Adam Hady with Richland County starting in January.

FSA -

Dudenbostel stated they have two new board members, Chad Sime & Bob Standorf.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ellen Brooks distributed the Crawford County Stewardship Newsletter and invited everyone to attend Love the Land music and dance benefit on Saturday February 2, 2019, 7-11pm at the Gays Mills Community Commerce Center.

Gillian Pomplun distributed and discussed well testing results that took place in the Tainter Creek Watershed. The Tainter Creek Watershed Council will be meeting on January 9th, 12:30 pm at the Gays Mills Community Commerce Center.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 08, 2018.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel
Administrative Assistant

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