

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

SOIL & WATER CONCERNS

January 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Esser at 10:12 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Dave Olson, Don Dudenbostel and Harriet Behar. Wade Dull was excused.

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

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Troester stated he has been very busy helping Jake returning phone calls regarding the POWTS Maintenance Program. The Non-Metallic Mining reports and payments are starting to come in from the quarries. Working on end of the year Farmland Preservation and the annual report for DATCP. The snowmobile trails are closed and have not been open this year. The High Capacity Transmission Line Resolution did not pass at County Board. The 2019 Tree Seedling Sale is currently being held, orders must be in by March 15, 2019. Speaking/Poster Contests are in the process and posters are due in to our office by Friday, January 11. Wauzeka-Steuben is the only school participating in the Speaking Contest. Discussed the SWIGG Tri-County (Grant, Iowa, Lafayette) Well Water testing results.

Troester would like LLC staff to attend the annual WLWCA Wisconsin Land and Water Conference March 13-15, 2019 at Lake Geneva;

Motion by Olson, second by Behar to approve Troester, Bunting and Nagel to attend the annual WLWCA Conference at Lake Geneva in March. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS

Bunting stated the NRCS office is still open but the FSA office is closed due to the government shut down. 2018 end of year extensions for SWRM Projects were sent into DATCP to be extended into 2019. Surveying has been slow due to the weather. Working on designs for February deadline.

KARYL FRITSCHÉ, NRCS

Fritsche introduced Jacob Hawes, the full time Grazing Specialist/Soil Con contracted through SW Badger RC&D. FSA has been shut down since December 28th due to the government shutdown. All cover crop payments have been processed and paid.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth

Walroth introduced Brandon Sieck he is the new Forester for the Southern part of Crawford County. He is working out of the Boscobel Nursery. Sieck stated he has been working with Walroth assisting on walk-throughs for the last couple of months.

UW Extension – Not Present

The part-time Ag Agent, Adam Hady started last week. He will be here two days a week on Thursdays and Fridays and some Mondays.

FSA (not present)

Dudenbostel stated it has been very quiet due to the government shutdown.

Public Comment

Ellen Brooks, Crawford Stewardship, stated they were disappointed the High Capacity Transmission Line Resolution did not pass at County Board but they were glad it was brought up. She reminded the LCC of the upcoming Love the Land fundraiser on Saturday, February 2, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Community Room, Gays Mills.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

Olson made the motion to adjourn at 10:54 a.m., second by Behar. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel
Administrative Assistant

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