

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
December 3, 2019

Chairman Esser called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Dave Olson, Don Dudenbostel, Kim Moret and Wade Dull. Also present was Corporation Council Mark Peterson. Wade Dull left the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

A motion was made by Olson to approve the minutes as mailed. Second by Dudenbostel. Motion carried.

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Troester distributed 2019 Clean Sweep collection/revenue/expense comparison handout. He explained there was an increase to the County this year. In previous years the chemical collection was handled by La Crosse County, now a second party comes and picks up the chemicals. Next year fees may need to be adjusted to help offset some of the cost. The Speaking contest deadline is December 20th the contest will be held in January. The Poster Contest deadline is January 10th. This year's theme is "Where Would We Bee Without Pollinators?" Troester received a couple inquires on Farm Preservation & Nutrient Management Plans, information was sent. Busy in the office with CAFO discussion and phone calls. The Deer hunting numbers are down this year, no final numbers are out yet. Troester is tentatively planning on attending the County Con Conference next week in Stevens Point.

CAFO Discussion & possible action on Livestock Siting Permit moratorium

Corporation Council Mark Peterson was present. The committee members were given copies of emails and letters that were sent to the Land Conservation office prior to the meeting. Copies of a Health Consultation Investigation Report on the AV Roth Feeder Pig Facility was also given to the members. Chairman Esser addressed an email received regarding the meeting date change, email address, phone numbers etc. Esser ask for public comment, several citizens spoke to the committee regarding a moratorium. Some were opposed to it while others were in favor. The following individuals spoke: Cindy Roberts, Edie Ehlert, Eli Mandel, Keri Retallick, Adam Voskuil, Jeff Robinson, Alison Barazani, Kathleen Tigerman, Barb Bangert, Ellen Brooks, Jim Meng, Cynthia Smith, Sande Collins, Karen Roth, Dave Bangert, Rikardo Jahnke, and Dave Collins.

Motioned by Moret to deny the ordinance to impose a moratorium for one year on the permitting of new livestock facilities that will have 1,000 or more animal units and existing livestock facilities that are applying to undergo an expansion if the expansion will be 1,000 or more animal units, the moratorium may be extended for up to twelve months. Motion failed by lack of a second.

Motioned by Dudenbostel to pass the ordinance to impose a moratorium for one year on the permitting of new livestock facilities that will have 1,000 or more animal units and existing livestock facilities that are applying to undergo an expansion if the expansion will be 1,000 or more animal units, the moratorium may be extended for up to twelve months, second by Esser. Motion passed with Dudenbostel, Esser and Olson voting in favor and Moret voting against.

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

GREG CERVEN, WILDLIFE PROGRAM

A list of commodity crop prices for 2019 was distributed as follows: Corn \$3.65/bu., Soybeans \$8.96/bu., Alf Hay \$190/ton, Mix hay \$125/ton, Org. hay \$240/ton, Org. corn \$8.75/bu., Stem's \$2.00/bundle

Motion by Olson to approve crop prices as follows: Corn \$3.65/bu., Soybeans \$8.96/bu., Alf Hay \$250/ton, Mix hay \$200/ton, Org. hay \$320/ton, Org. corn \$8.75/bu., Stem's \$2.00/bundle, second by Dudenbostel. Motion carried unanimously.

Non-Metallic Mining Fees

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

Motion by Olson to set the Non-Metallic Mining fees as presented and keep the annual fees the same unless changes are needed in the future, second by Dudenbostel. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS

Bunting stated surveying work has been slow due to the weather. He gave a brief update on the Dam and is working with Mike Dreschmeir to get repairs scheduled for 2020. Finishing up CREP and will be sending it off to the State shortly.

KARYL FRITSCHKE, NRCS

Fritsche stated no time lines have been set for next year. She added more on the moratorium discussion and briefly explained the NRCS engineering standards and recommended to review those standards to understand how the livestock siting works within the engineering side. The Nutrient Management plan is also a Federal Standard.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth, Brandon Sieck

Walroth is continuing to work with landowners and has been working more in Vernon County this last month.

UW Extension (not present)

Ag Agent position was posted, it will be a 50/50 position shared with Richland County. The FoodWise Nutrition Educator position has also been posted.

FSA (not present)

This will be Don Dudenbostel's last meeting, a new FSA member will be taking the position in January. Chairman Esser thanked Dudenbostel for serving on the committee.

Public Comment

Ellen Brooks, Crawford Stewardship Project, thanked the committee for passing the moratorium and handed out the Fall/Winter Stewardship Newsletter.

Next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

Olson made the motion to adjourn at 11:08 a.m., second by Moret. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Nagel
Administrative Assistant

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