

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**  
**SOIL & WATER CONCERNS**  
**June 9, 2020**

The Zoom/Teleconference meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Olson at 9:59 a.m. Olson verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Wade Dull, Kim Moret and Bob Standorff and Edward Hayes-Hall.

Motion by Standorff to approve the minutes as mailed, second by Moret. Motion carried unanimously.

**DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION**

Troester informed the committee he is looking at ordering desk shields for the offices as a safety measure once the building re-opens. He stated he has been busy this month working on Farmland Preservation and Nutrient Management Plans. NM plans were due in May and he is still missing a few and has sent out reminder letters. This last month four new certificates of compliance were issued and several phone calls were returned on random conservation questions. Troester had a joint meeting with Collins and ERSI regarding getting new Lidar data. They are looking into the possibility of getting some state funding and using some of Collins annual grant money to purchase the new data. The benches for the conservation award winners are done. Working on getting a CAFO meeting scheduled for later this month. Tire Clean-up will be this weekend at the Hwy Dept. Troester informed the committee he will be on vacation for the next meeting in July.

**Clean Sweep**

Discussed hosting the clean sweep or postponing the event due to the uncertainty of Covid-19 in the fall. The committee recommended to proceed with the planning. Troester discussed pricing and possible dates to hold the event. He will check with La Crosse County and get back to the committee on dates.

**Youth Conservation Day**

Discussed holding Youth Conservation Day or skipping a year due to the uncertainty of school schedules in the fall. Troester will talk with Cindy the Public Health nurse and talk to potential presenters and report back to the committee next month on their recommendations.

**Conservation Awards**

Discussed where and when to have the award ceremony due to the fair being canceled. The committee recommended holding it at the fairgrounds in late August.

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

**TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS**

Bunting stated a 2018 project that was a special extension due to weather was completed last month. He is hoping a dam site will get built today before the rain comes then he will have some down time for paperwork. There are three extended projects left to get completed and a few well closings to use up the 2019 funds.

**KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS**

Fritsche stated they have a new soil conservation employee, Jake Johnson. In July a new grazing specialist will be joining the staff, this is a contract position through Golden Sands RC&D. The first round of Equip funding came through, second round will be in July. NRCS will be getting a new office location later this year. NRCS is in phase one of the re-opening process and all employees can be in the office now. In phase two farmers can be seen by appointment. Each phase will last for fourteen days and there are three phases in the re-opening plan.

**DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth, Brandon Sieck**

Walroth stated last month she worked on getting caught up on the Vernon County Forest. Continuing to speak with landowners via email/phone. This month she nominated a Crawford County land owner Dale Parker for the outstanding tree farmer of the year. Dale received the 2013 Conservation Forestry Award. June is looking like a busy month.

**UW Extension Carolyn Ihde**

Carolyn Ihde the new Ag agent joined the meeting and was introduced. She will be in the Crawford County office Mondays & Fridays through June and hoping to increase her office hours in July. She is not able to go to Richland County yet because the campus is closed.

**FSA – Bob Standorf**

Standorf stated FSA is using Microsoft team software to meet with clients and customers. The loan assistant program for coronavirus food assistance program is available and the application is online. The crop reports are being done through the mail and some reporting has been delayed.

**Public Comment**

Ellen Brooks, Crawford Stewardship Project thanked the LCD staff and committee for the work they have been doing and is happy the CAFO meetings will be resuming.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

Dull made the motion to adjourn at 10:37 a.m., second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel  
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