

# **CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**

## **SOIL & WATER CONCERNS**

### **March 12, 2019**

Chairman Esser called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Dave Olson, Don Dudenbostel and Wade Dull. Harriet Behar was excused.

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

#### **DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION**

A Cover Crop meeting was held last week in Gays Mills, approximately 15 producers attended. Snowmobile trails are still open; clubs are entering data into the SNARS system for approval of grant funds. The 2019-2020 Annual Snowmobile Grant will be submitted later today. Rolling Ground Club submitted an updated verbal easement agreement for the snowmobile trails. Nutrient Management Plan checklists are starting to come in, May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline. Reminder letters will be going out soon for the plans that are still needed. The tree sale will end on Friday, still receiving a few orders. Troester, Bunting & Nagel will be leaving tomorrow for the Annual WLWCA 3 day Conference in Lake Geneva. While at the conference, Troester will meet with Richland and Vernon Counties and discuss well testing. There is an upcoming Conservation Partner meeting with DATCP on April 1 in Dodgeville, Troester and Nagel will be attending the meeting for the day. Working on the 2020 SWRM Staffing grant, Land & Water grant along with the DATCP end of year report that is associated with the grant. Southwest Badger RD&C is dissolving; Troester spoke with Becky Olson the new director in regards to the 2019 annual dues. Olson told Troester to send her a written request asking for reimbursement of the funds. The LCD will be holding on to SW Badger's printer and materials until the dues issue is resolved.

#### **Conservation Awards**

Award winners were presented for discussion. Motion by Olson to approve the conservation award winners as presented, seconded by Dudenbostel. Motion carried unanimously. All award winners will be contacted and the shop class at Prairie du Chien High School will build and engrave the back of the benches.

#### **Soil & Water Stewardship Week Proclamation**

Soil and Water Stewardship Week has been set for April 28 to May 5 and the focus is on "Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper" a proclamation will be presented at county board for signature. Motion by Dull to support and recognize the Soil & Water Stewardship Week Proclamation for April 28 to May 5, 2019, second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Tire Clean Up**

The committee and department discussed and agreed to again hold another Tire Clean up for a Saturday in June at the Highway Department. Details will be worked out with the Highway Department and others involved.

#### **Work Plan & SWRM Grant**

Discussion took place on the 2019 Annual Work Plan and the 2020 SWRM Grant. Motion by Dull to submit the 2020 SWRM Grant Application for salaries, Land & Water Projects and SEG funding, and the Annual Work Plan second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

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

#### **TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS (not present)**

Bunting attended the Tech update training last week with Adam.

#### **KARYL FRITSCHKE, NRCS**

Fritsche stated they are in a holding pattern for Equip contracts, they may be writing new contracts by May. Construction projects might be delayed. Travis has been working on water damage that was done to a couple projects. Fritsche stated there is no news on CRP, and everything is in a holding pattern until the Farm Bill gets rolled out. Golden Sands RC&D assumed the contract for Jacob and he will be staying on for three years.

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

Walroth indicated she has not been able to do many visits due to the snow. She has on been working on the WI Forestry Landowners Grant program.

**UW Extension (not present)**

Jacob is helping Adam with scheduling of the pasture walks.

**FSA (not present)**

Dudenbostel stated FSA has two new committee members, Bob Standorf and Chad Sime. This will be Dudenbostel's last year.

**Public Comment**

Ellen Brooks, Crawford Stewardship Project, stated they sent 52 water test to the Stevens Point Environmental and Analysis Water Lab on March 5 to test for bacteria, nitrates, and metals. On April 27, CSP is planning a public meeting to go over the results of the testing, more details to follow. Brooks passed out flyers for two upcoming events; Ground and Surface Water Issues to be held on Saturday, March 16 at Richland Center, and on Saturday, March 30 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Regenerative Agriculture – farmer to farmer at UW-Platteville.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

Dull made the motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m., second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel  
Administrative Assistant

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