

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
May14, 2019

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

Esser welcomed Kim Moret as our new committee member; she will be replacing Harriet Behar.

A motion was made by Dull to approve the minutes as mailed. Second by Esser. Motion carried.

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Troester stated Nutrient Management checklist deadline was May 1st he is still waiting on a few. On Arbor Day Troester gave a presentation on wildfire prevention to approx. seventy 1st grade students in the Prairie du Chien public and private school district. Tree sale pick-up was May 2 & 3 at the PdC High School. Troester thanked Bunting for driving to Viroqua early in the morning and getting the trees back to the high school by 8:00 a.m. Tree sales were higher this year than previous years. Troester attended the Conservation Summit on May 3, in Sparta; he stated there was good discussion on conservation issues. The PdC High School Industrial Tech Class completed the benches for the Conservation Award winners. Tire clean up is scheduled for June 8th at the Highway Department. Troester has a La Riviera park board meeting later this week. Last week the LCD received a complaint regarding a manure pit in the County; it was investigated and is being resolved. Troester received an email from with WI Wetlands Association they are looking at nominating part of the lower WI river way to the Ramsar Wetland of International Importance. This organization encourages wetland protection and conservation. Troester also attended the Water Quality Task Force hearing in Lancaster on May 8th. Various speakers spoke and gave presentations along with public comment.

Multi-County Well Testing

Troester stated that Richland, Vernon and Crawford had the first multi-county well water-testing meeting on April 12th in Gays Mills. Troester stated they are looking at ways to provide assistance to well owners to help with well-water testing. The next meeting will be May 30th in Gays Mills.

Bills were presented. Dull 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 he completed one project and he attend a couple of soil trainings last month. Streambank projects will be starting after May 15th. Looking at different quarries for riprap, the quarries that normally supply the rock for the projects do not have any.

KARYL FRITSCHKE, NRCS

Fritsche stated the first round of equip contracts are over; they have received around 2,500 acres of cover crop applications. Small grain grant and CSP applications are due on Friday. They are in the second phase of their lease agreement renewal. The compass guidance system is up and working and all of the contour strip jobs are completed.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth, Brandon Sieck

Walroth stated she continues to meet with landowners and go over cost-share projects with them. She distributed a variety of publications to promote property walk-thru programs and reach out to unengaged private landowners.

UW Extension (not present)

Interviews are tomorrow for the part-time CONRED agent.

FSA (not present)

Public Comment

Ellen Brooks, Crawford Stewardship Project, gave a short report on the Public Drinking Water Forum that took place last month and then distributed the Spring/Summer newsletter.

Next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, June 11, 2019.

Dull made the motion to adjourn at 11:58 a.m., second by Moret. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel
Administrative Assistant

DT:bn