

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
June 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Olson at 9:40 a.m. Olson verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Bob Standorf, Kim Moret and Gary Koch. Wade Dull was excused

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

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Troester stated he has not received any livestock permit applications, and gave a brief update to the committee regarding the DNR permitting status of Roth Feeder Pig. The majority of nutrient management plans are in. The tree sale event is wrapped up for the year. The DAWS water project virtual education event will be tonight. Kevin Masarik from the UW-Stevens Point lab will be going over the overall results and answering any questions. Troester attended a ceremony for the Frydenlund Family kiosk donation at La Riviere Park. The LCD is continuing to make plans for the upcoming events; Conservation Awards, Youth Conservation Days and Clean Sweep. The SNARS entries from the snowmobile clubs have been reviewed and submitted to the State for final approval. Troester introduced Ryan Redman the new AIS summer intern to the committee. Redman updated the committee on the projects he will be undertaking this summer.

AIS-Matt Wallrath, Upper Sugar River Watershed Association

Matt Wallrath, Invasive Species Program Coordinator for the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association spoke to the committee about AIS prevention. He highlighted the AIS work done in Crawford County. He also, explained the Clean Boats Clean Water program and spoke about a variety of invasive species.

Clean Sweep

Troester discussed pricing cost for the clean sweep event with the committee. The committee recommended keeping the fees the same as last year; TV's & microwaves \$10.00, Dehumidifiers & A/C's \$15.00 and light bulbs \$.50 per bulb over 25. There would be no charge for misc. electronics and chemicals.

Motion by Standorf to keep the pricing the same as last year, second by Moret. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Bills

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

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS

Bunting stated he has been busy with projects. He gave the committee a brief update on the dam and will be applying for the grant in August with the DNR.

KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS

Fritsche joined the meeting via zoom and stated CRP sign up will be happening soon waiting for the rules to be finalized and equip that was for cover crop got pulled back to the national office and will be re-sent. The new furniture for the office will be installed this week.

DNRFORESTER, Christine Walroth, Brandon Sieck

Walroth joined the meeting via zoom and stated she has been in the field meeting with landowners and doing CRP/Equip visits.

UW Extension Carolyn Ihde(Not Present)

Carolyn is on the pasture walk today. They will no longer have virtual Zoom meetings, it will go back to in-person. Staff should be back in the office starting July 1.

FSA – Bob Standorf

Standorf stated the office is open to 50% office staff and producers are allowed in the building. Interest rates for commodities and facility loans are about the same. CRP will be increasing the rental rates and adding sign-up incentives. The drive-up dairy breakfast had a good turnout.

Public Comment

Ellen Brooks - Crawford Stewardship Project thanked Troester for attending the DNR public hearing on the Roth Feeder Pig CAFO & reminded the committee members of the upcoming hearing for the proposed CAFO.

Gillian Pomplun – Crawford County Independent informed the committee on restoration work that will start soon on Conway Creek & the public comment meetings for the NRCS study of the breach dams will be later this month.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel
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