

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
May 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Olson at 9:55 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 Standorf to approve the minutes as mailed, second by Moret. Motion carried unanimously.

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Troester stated the new AIS/Conservation Intern will be starting in two weeks. Interviews were held last week for the position. Ninety-four water samples from Crawford Co. were returned for the DAWS well testing project. Overall 278 bottles were collected from Richland, Vernon & Crawford Counties. They were taken to the Stevens Point lab to be analyzed. There will be a virtual meeting on June 8th to go over the overall results of the wells tested. Troester gave the committee a brief update of the deer council meeting he attended. Tree pick-up was at the end of April, we had some tree's that didn't arrive in time for the scheduled pick-up day, and they should arrive this week. We will have a few extra trees and we will work on selling them on Facebook. Troester thanked the Maintenance Dept. for letting us use the shop and Russ Hagen for helping sort the trees. Tire Clean-up will be held on June 12th in Seneca at the Highway Shop from 9-noon. Nutrient Management Plans are still coming in, they were due on May 1st.

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 (Not Present)

Troester stated Bunting is in the field today and gave a brief report. The dam plans and inspection came in last week but he hasn't had a chance to go over them with Mike Dreschmeir. Bunting helped out with the DAWS water sample collection, picking up/sorting the trees and attended a training on the Ag Leader.

KARYL FRITSCHKE, NRCS

Fritsche joined the meeting via zoom and stated the EQUIP signup deadline is May 21st and there will be another round of funding later this summer. Currently in the middle of construction season, working on compliance reviews for CRP and the office is open by appointment.

DNRFORESTER, Christine Walroth, Brandon Sieck

Walroth joined the meeting via zoom and shared with the committee the Division of Forestry is going through some personnel changes. Brandon Sieck is no longer working in Southern Crawford County. Rebecca Vasquez will be working with the WI DNR in Richland County and Brian Zweifel will be taking over her responsibilities in Crawford & Vernon County. Walroth stated she has had several field visits in Crawford & Vernon Counties this last month.

UW Extension Carolyn Ihde(Not Present)

Craig Saxe the Area Extension Director is retiring July 1st. There will be a new director sometime this year.

FSA – Bob Standorf

Standorf stated nothing new to report, the next meeting will be on Thursday.

Public Comment

Chrissy Watson Crawford Stewardship Project thanked the LCD for the DAWS water testing would like to see more testing in the future. Sarah Barron also with CSP gave an update on upcoming events: June 5th a virtual discussion forum "Farms, Factories & the Future". CSP is working on publishing a children's book on karst education and looking for local artist and authors to help create the book. The annual karst exploration event will be held September 11th at Eagle Cave.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

Moret made the motion to adjourn at 10:29 a.m., second by Koch. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel
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