

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**  
**SOIL & WATER CONCERNS**  
**February 13, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Esser at 10:35 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Dave Olson, Harriet Behar, Wade Dull and Don Dudenbostel.

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

**GREG CERVEN, WILDLIFE DAMAGE CLAIMS**

Cerven presented the 2017 Wildlife Damage Claims. Motion by Behar, second by Dull to pay the Wildlife Damage Claims as presented: Gaylon O'Neal \$2,650.20, David Shihata \$1,522.36, Jeff Werthwein \$5,249.24 and John Zehrer \$10,000.00. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION**

Troester indicated approximately 30 farmers and agencies attended the Cover Crop Meeting in Gays Mills. He attended a Cover Crop meeting in Westby last week and approximately 40 farmers were present. The Conservation Poster and Speaking Contests were held with Greener's Corner donating gift certifications for the poster winners and The Marketplace donating gift certifications for the speaking contest participants. 3M has made the donation this year for the silent auction to be held at the Annual WLWCA Conference in Lake Geneva and proceeds from this goes toward Youth Activities; 3 totes of miscellaneous items and 2 large Nomad mats. A sincere thank you for all the donations to our department.

Troester would like to attend the Annual WLWCA Conference March 14-16, 2018 at Lake Geneva; Bunting will not be attending this year. Motion by Dull, second by Olson to approve Troester attending the Annual WLWCA Conference at Lake Geneva. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Snowmobile Trails opened for the weekend for the first time this snowmobile season. It is time for the clubs to begin entering data into the SNARS system for approval of grant funds. The 2018-2019 Annual Snowmobile Grant is due shortly.

The 2018 Work Plan is due and was presented by Troester. The information for the 2019 SWRM Grant for staffing reimbursement, land and water projects and SEG funds is being gathered; Wolcott indicated the order of staffing changes needing to be made because of merging with the Zoning Department. Motion by Behar to approve the 2018 Work Plan and SWRM Grant application to be submitted to DATCP, second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Discussion on yearly annual dues. Motion by Olson, second by Dull to approve the payment of the following annual dues: Southwest Badger \$1,200.00, WI Land & Water Conservation \$1,344.00 and the National Association of Conservation District \$250.00. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

**ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE REVISION**

Troester presented a copy of the Ordinance repealing and recreating Section 11.01 of the Crawford County Code of ordinances relating to Animal Waste Management. Discussion of clarification of word changes and additional fee comments. Motion by Behar to approve the repealing and recreating of Section 11.01 of the Crawford County Code of Ordinances Relating to Animal Waste Management, second by Dull. Motion approved by roll call vote. This will be on the agenda for County Board.

### **TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS**

Troester and Bunting presented a Brinly-Hardy Moldboard Plow ad for \$339 that Rick Lange felt would be very helpful in the use of controlled burns. Discussion of purchasing such a piece of equipment was held and the committee decided to pass on the purchase due to issues of housing, billing, etc.

Bunting indicated he hopes to do some surveying tomorrow and will be working on two designs. He has 4 permits for streambank work. Got the new LCD signs put on the truck. Trainings will be starting shortly. He will be taking time off in the upcoming month but plans to come in for at least one tech update training to be held in March while he is off.

### **KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS**

Fritsche stated the Cover Crop meetings have been very informative. There will be a Prairie workday in June. Indicated the only funding's being approved will be for MRBI, Soil Health Initiative and Monarch Initiative. Next EQIP signup ending May 18<sup>th</sup>. She will be coordinating with Troester in teaching a Master Gardeners Soils Class on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth & Chrissy Shaw**

Walroth indicated she was a judge at the County Conservation Speaking Contest at North Crawford School and has been meeting with landowners that are involved with cost share, CRP and EQIP. Focused on meetings and trainings during the winter months.

### **UW Extension (not present)**

### **FSA (not present)**

### **Public Comment**

Ellen Brooks, Crawford Stewardship, stated that the Industrial Ag in the Driftless was held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the AmericInn, Boscobel and attended by approximately 250 to 300 people. A hand out of comments from those attending was distributed.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

Dull made the motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m., second by Behar. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harriet Behar  
Secretary

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