

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION, PLANNING & ZONING  
DEPARTMENT  
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS  
May 8, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Esser at 10:15 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Dave Olson, Wade Dull and Harriet Behar. Don Dudenbostel was excused.

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

**DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION**

Troester stated they did the burn at the dam yesterday; may have to do some clean up in certain areas. Has been doing a lot of Planning, Zoning and Septic Systems work with Shedivy. He thanked his LCD staff for all the extra work and keeping things going while he has been involved with the zoning and septic issues. He attended the Cover Crops Field Day at the Walleser farm in Vernon County. The Aerial Cover Crops project is underway and sent the contract to Black Sand Granary; looking at approximately 3,000 acres this year. For farmers that had their 3-year contract expire for cost-share funding, we offered to pay \$30 an acre up to 100 acres, if interested, out of the cover crop money. New mapping software has been ordered by the Property Lister for LCD staff. May 1<sup>st</sup> was the deadline for Nutrient Management Checklist, but still receiving them daily. Trees for the tree sale will be arriving tomorrow and pick up at the PdC Ag Dept. on Thursday and Friday. Tire Clean Up is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Highway Department. The Clean Sweep is scheduled for Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Benches are being completed by the Industrial Tech Class at the PdC High School to be given out at the fair to Conservation Award winners. Summer Intern will be starting after Memorial Day for the summer and be shared with the Treasurer's Office.

Motion by Dull to pay the snowmobile payments to clubs and county as presented, second by Olson. Motion carried 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.

**TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS-NOT PRESENT**

**KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS**

Fritsche stated Raelene Hegge's last day of work is Friday; not sure if or when they will be filling the position. Currently working on Honey Bee Initiative, EQIP Soil Health Initiative (Cover Crop) and MRBI. Laying strips is time consuming; the NRCS staff went to Waukon to view GPS Globe Software used on an ATV for laying strips; saves a great deal of time and energy; lots of details to work out. Suggestion by Esser to check into using the Emergency Government vehicle for this. Their office is doing a Work Cycle Study to determine staffing. Having a National Civil Rights Review done this month. Back to the Land Pasture group of individuals is looking at the creamery in Soldiers Grove to use for pigs and would need 2,500 acres of rotational land for this project. GAP project has lots of obstacles. The Regional College Soils test will be in Crawford County on October 10 – 11 and working on having a speaker and program for the day, etc. but needs a budget of about \$6,000 to handle a project like this.

**DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth – NOT PRESENT**

An email was read that Christine had sent the Land Conservation, Planning & Zoning Dept. She is continuing to work with a variety of Crawford County landowners.

**UW EXTENSION - NOT PRESENT**

**FSA – NOT PRESENT**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ellen Brooks, Crawford Stewardship, indicated that the Tainter Creek Watershed had been awarded \$5,000 in funding for well testing.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

Olson made the motion to adjourn at 10:55 a.m., second by Dull. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harriet Behar  
Secretary

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