

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
June 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Olson at 9:39 a.m. Olson verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Mary Kuhn, Gary Koch and Kim Moret. Also, present County Board Chairman Tom Cornford.

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

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION (via ZOOM)

Troester informed the committee he received a livestock siting application for Roth Feeder Pig II on May 13th. The application was reviewed, Troester notified AV Roth on June 7th the application was complete. Now the committee has 90 days to approve or deny the application.

A motion was made by Moret to set the public hearing date of July 12th, 2022, 12:30 - 2:30 pm for the livestock siting permit, second by Kuhn. Motion carried unanimously.

The livestock siting application and materials were distributed to the committee members for them to review. There are a few options set up so the public can view the materials. The application and materials are available on the Land Conservation website, or the public can come into the office and view the materials. Copies of the documents are available for a fee. Freeman Township passed the Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance on May 30th. Residents in the Township will have 60 days to opt out of the FP zoning district. Troester introduced Riley Hubanks the AIS summer intern to the committee. Hubanks updated the committee on the projects she will be undertaking this summer. Hubanks has checked 16 boat lands for AIS signage, attended a clean boats clean water training, and had 21 hours at the boat landings this month. Troester gave a brief update on the vacant committee member. The benches for the Conservation Award winners are done.

Manure Storage Permit review/action

Troester stated the manure storage application was dropped off with the livestock siting application. These are two separate permits and two separate ordinances. According to the County Ordinance the manure storage application has a 30-working day review window. If no decision is made within that timeline, it is automatically approved. DATCP has been asked to review the design plans for the structures. DNR has already verified and approved the 590 nutrient management plan and construction standards. The manure storage will be under the barn, so it goes hand in hand with the siting permit. If the barns are not built, then the storage unit will not be built. Troester recommended look at updating the ordinance in the future to change the timeline constraints in situations like these. The committee discussed the options.

Motion by Moret to approve the manure storage permit contingent upon the approval of the livestock siting permit, seconded by Kuhn. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills

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

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS

Bunting stated he worked at the tire clean up event Saturday at the Highway Department. Everything went well but participation was very low. Projects that are funded have not started yet, working on getting a new laptop computer on the USDA side. The current desktop computer is over seven years old and it very hard to take back and forth between offices. Waiting to see if ARPA funds could be used for purchasing the laptop. Bunting stated he has worked at the dam and was able to get the weeds sprayed. The inlet at the dam will need to be cleaned out and will be getting the Highway Department scheduled to do the work once it gets dried out. There are also some rocks in the spill way that need to be removed. Troester added he received a letter from the DNR stating we are eligible to receive some funding for dam repairs. He is waiting on more details and will keep the committee posted.

KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS (not present)

No Report

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth (not present)

No Report

UW Extension Carolyn Ihde (not present)

No report

FSA - (not present)

One program technician transferred to Vernon County and the PDC office has an opening. They are also working on crop reporting.

Public Comment

AV Roth was present to answer any questions on the Roth Feeder Pig II project.

Crawford Stewardship Project: Forest Jahnke requested the application and materials for the Roth Feeder Pig II livestock siting permit - Ellen Brooks & Edie Ehlert expressed concerns on phosphorus levels in the NM plan.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

Koch made the motion to adjourn at 10:20 a.m., second by Kuhn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Nagel
Administrative Assistant
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