

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
April 14, 2020

The Zoom/Teleconference meeting was called to order by Dave Olson at 9:55 a.m. Olson verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Wade Dull, Kim Moret and Bob Standorff. Henry Esser was excused.

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

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Troester stated the Land Conservation office is staggering the staff as much as possible. All of the necessary paperwork has been filed with the HR department to work from home. There is limited public access to the office, correspondences are being handled via email & phone. Field visits will be done by Bunting & Shedivy if they feel comfortable doing them and applying the social distancing guidelines. The DAWS Spring water sampling has been postponed to October 26th. Phone calls were made to the participants that signed up and were informed of the change. The final order for the tree sale was sent to the nursery. Tree pick up dates will be May 7th & 8th at the Administration Building. Still working on the final details to insure social distancing guidelines will be met. The CAFO meeting that was scheduled for April 23rd has been postponed. Discussion took place on when to have the next meeting. Olson recommended not to schedule a CAFO meeting in May and to wait and see when the stay at home order will be lifted to proceed. Troester stated nutrient management checklist deadline is May 1st. He has only received a few and will be mailing reminder letters out this week. The application for the DAM grant was submitted but more information was requested by the DNR. Bunting will be sending the Deed and budget information requested by the May deadline. The Tire Clean Up is scheduled for June 13th at the Highway Dept. Town & Country Sanitation will be handling the event. Troester attended a deer council meeting & a Transcendent webinar and gave a brief report.

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

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS

Bunting stated he has been working from home and has access to the USDA network. Getting some surveys done on streambank projects. There will be some streambank projects that will not get done this year because they can't get designed to meet the standards or they have wet & unstable conditions. Will need to pick up some other projects to fit into the budget for the streambank projects that will not get funded, but currently waiting on NRCS funding. Waiting to get some approvals back on some dam projects.

Discussion/Approval Streambank Project Cost-Share Cap

Bunting explained to the committee the cost increase to streambank projects due to design changes by flattening the streambank slope from 2:1 to 3:1 side slope. By making this change it increases the rock quantity and raises the cost on average 40-50%. He asked the committee to consider increasing the project cap for streambank projects from total project cost \$10,000.00/total cost share \$7,000.00 to total project cost \$15,000.00/total cost share \$10,500.00.

Motioned by Standorff to approve the increase for total project cost \$15,000.00/total cost share \$10,500.00 for streambank projects, second by Dull, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS (not present)

No Report

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth, Brandon Sieck

Walroth indicated the DNR has suspended all burn permits until further notice. Due to the Covid-19 the nursery can't hire temp workers to lift the trees therefore they have canceled most of the DNR tree orders from the Boscobel nursery. They are trying to fill the orders for the cost share grants. Prior to the safer at home order Walroth indicated she was able to visit with some landowners in the field. Walroth stated she has been working from her home. Office time is very limited and she can only do field visits when the landowners are not present.

UW Extension (not present)

Carolyn Ihde was hired as the new Ag agent and will start mid-May. This will be a 50/50 shared position with Richland County.

FSA – Bob Standorf

Standorf stated out they have not been able to set up a meeting due to the Covid-19. A new director was hired and will be working out of the Viroqua office. Hoping to have more information by the next meeting.

Public Comment

None

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

Dull made the motion to adjourn at 10:39 a.m., second by Moret. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel
Administrative Assistant

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