

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
December 8, 2020

The Zoom/Teleconference meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Olson at 9:29 a.m. Olson verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Bob Standorf, Kim Moret, and Wade Dull. Edward Hayes-Hall was excused.

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

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Troester joined the meeting via Zoom from home, he is currently recovering from the COVID-19 virus. Troester stated he would like to see Bunting and Nagel to try and off set their work schedules and work more from home. Notices of non-compliance were sent out to a few producers who have not submitted their nutrient management check list that were due in May. They will no longer receive the farmland preservation tax credit until a checklist is turned in. Information for the poster contest was emailed to the schools. The poster theme is "Healthy Forest = Health Communities" posters must be submitted by January 8th. The County Con Meeting is being held virtually this year. It will take place over 3 weeks, one session each week. Troester attended the first session last Friday. He also attended a webinar on Thursday hosted by the UW Extension on soil & water nutrient management. Troester informed the committee the five year review of the LWRM plan is due in April. A presentation will need to be given to the Land & Water Conservation Board and a LCC member will need be present. The plan will also need to be approved by the LCC committee. The water testing result letters were sent to the DAWS participants last week by the lab. There will be a virtual educational event next Monday December 14th to help interpret the water test result. Information about the event was mailed with the results. Troester will email the committee members the letter with the details on how to attend. Troester stated the Finance Committee added "Report from Land Conservation Committee/action on extending CAFO moratorium" to the County Board agenda. Olson question how it could be added to the agenda if it was voted down by LCC committee. Dull stated County Board members were receiving letters/calls on the extension of the moratorium. Olson asked Troester to give a brief report at County Board.

NMM Permit Transfer

Troester informed the committee the Kramer Company is being bought out by Milestone Materials. Kramer Company operates fourteen quarries in the county. Three of the quarries NMM permits will be transferred to Prairie Sand & Gravel. The other eleven NMM permits will be transferred to Milestone Materials. Troester is in the process of getting the permits transferred to the new owners.

Bills

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

Greg Cerven, Wildlife Budget

Cerven emailed commodity crop prices for 2020 as follows: corn \$3.77/bu., soybeans \$10.50/bu., alf. hay \$170/ton, mixed hay \$107/ton, org. corn \$6.50/bu., org. hay \$210/ton, apples \$38/bu., stems \$2.75/bunch. 80% harvest date November 10th

Motion by Standorf to approve the commodity crop prices and set the 80% harvest date as recommended by Cerven, second by Moret. Motion carried unanimously.

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS (Not Present)

Bunting is on vacation – Troester gave a brief report to the committee. Bunting is working on surveying and design work.

KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS (Not Present)

No report given

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth, Brandon Sieck (Not Present)

Troester read an email from Walroth; the "Learn About Your Land" workshops started last week. There are six sessions total with about 35 landowners attending each session. Was not in the woods meeting with landowners in November due to deer hunting, but had three property visits. Working with private forest landowners by phone/email and continuing to work on field checking CRP properties planted with tress with contracts expiring the end of September 2021.

UW Extension Carolyn Ihde (Not Present)

Receiving applications for new Fair Coordinator.

FSA – Bob Standorf

Standorf gave a brief report from Emily Schildgen; Office is open by appointment only & only two employees are allowed in the office at one time. The office is scheduled to move on January 6, 2021 to its new location at 120 N. Beaumont Road, PDC. Dairy Margin Coverage & CFAP2 sign up ends December 11th. FSA County Office Committee election ballots were mailed out in early November. The northern 1/3 of Crawford County is the area under election with Chad Sime running again. Ballots are to be post marked by December 7 to be timely cast.

Public Comment

Ellen Brooks Crawford Stewardship Project expressed concern on not having a Zoom option for the upcoming County Board meeting and was happy to see the CAFO moratorium on the agenda. She also wanted to remind the committee of the CSP "Love the Land" event that will be virtual this year on December 12th

Gillian Pomplun voiced concern on the upcoming County Board meeting being in compliance with the open meeting laws without a virtual option being offered.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

Dull made the motion to adjourn at 10:14 a.m., second by Moret. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel
Administrative Assistant

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