

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION, PLANNING & ZONING  
DEPARTMENT  
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS  
July 10, 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 Don Dudenbostel. Harriet Behar was excused.

Olson made the motion to approve the minutes as mailed, second by Dudenbostel. Motion carried unanimously.

**DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION, PLANNING & ZONING CONSERVATIONIST**

Troester introduced Becky Nagel as the new clerk for the Land Conservation Department. He stated the new ArcGIS mapping software has been installed on the computers and will be beneficial with the cover crops. County Con Meeting is coming up on July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> and Troester will be attending. There will be a LCC training on August 28<sup>th</sup> more details to come. Also on July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Country on the River grounds there will be demo in GPS contour layout system hosted by NRCS. Troester stated he has been doing typical Zoning work with Shedivy. Youth Conservation Day is set for September 27<sup>th</sup> at Sugar Creek Bible Camp, most of the presenters are lined up. Discussion on when to hold the Conservation Awards program during the fair. Dave was approached by Amanda the Fair Coordinator and it was suggested to have the awards program on Sunday when the Friend of the Fair Awards are being presented. After much discussion it was decided to hold the Conservation Awards Program at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the fairgrounds due to better availability of committee and staff.

**Cover Crops**

Not all of the information was received from Black Sand Granary on the time line given and some mapping is still needed. This made it hard for the contractors submitting their bids.

Two bid were received for the Cover Crop Aerial Seed and Application from Ag-Tech Air & Country Side Aviation.

Ag-Tech Air; they have been doing the previous applications. Their bid was Seed Mix A – \$52.83 per acre and Mix B - \$51.67. The bid includes two trips from Stockton, Illinois; additional trips, due to fields not being ready to apply or weather problems, will be an additional \$2,300.00 per trip.

Countryside Aviation; they were selected in 2014 to do our applications but backed out. Their bid was Seed Mix A – \$69.00 per acre and Mix B - \$71.00 and had an additional charge of .01 cents per pound per mile outside of 10-mile radius of Boscobel Airport and they require a 50% deposit by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Dull to award the Cover Crop Aerial Bid to Ag-Tech Air as submitted, second by Olson. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Troester indicated last year we charged a flat \$55 an acre to landowners for the cover crop application, but this year's bid came in higher due to increased seed cost.

Motion by Dull to set a flat rate of \$60 per acre for the cover crop application, second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Currently we have approximately 4,200 acres contracted, but there may be a few hundred more by the time we are ready to apply in September.

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

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

Bunting indicated he meet with McCormick Electric to mark the electric lines with GPS for the fair but hasn't gotten the maps drawn yet. He is busy meeting with land owners and doing spillway projects. The rip-rap project was on delay for a couple of weeks due to the weather. Bunting stated the DNR had indicated in their report that a bench mark sign was needed for the dam & that he was able to locate the survey marker. Bunting will be contacting the Hwy Dept. and get a sign installed.

### **KARYL FRITSCHER, NRCS**

Fritsche stated she has been working on the cover crop projects, funding has been released for the MRBI, Honey Bee & Cover Crop projects, CSP rankings are due next Friday and construction projects have been ongoing all summer. Rayleen's position is close to being filled. In October Crawford County will be hosting the Collegiate Soils contest at 16 different sites.

### **DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth**

Walroth stated Chrissy Shaw the Forester for the Southern part of the county has switched positions. Dave Matheys the Wildlife Biologist for Crawford County retired in May and Dan Goltz just started transitioning into Dave's position this week. There was a new class of foresters & technicians that come in May & the new contacts will be Jamie Ralph & Ben Ross. Fire staffing has started.

### **UW EXTENSION - NOT PRESENT**

Dull indicated that they are waiting for approval to hire a Family Living Agent & Ag Agent.

### **FSA – NOT PRESENT**

Dudenbostel indicated that July 16<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for acreage reporting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ellen Brooks, Crawford Stewardship, invited all to attend the Karst Geology Exploration (sink holes) on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Highway Department, Seneca, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. She also shared the Stewardship Spring/Summer Newsletter.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

Olson made the motion to adjourn at 11:13 a.m., second by Dull. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel  
Secretary

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