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

The Zoom/Teleconference meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Olson at 9:37 a.m. Olson verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Kim Moret, Bob Standorf and Edward Hayes-Hall. Wade Dull was excused.

Motion by Standorf to approve the minutes as mailed, second by Hayes-Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION
Troester stated the tire clean up last month wasn’t as busy as previous years but a dumpster of tires was collected. Troester informed the committee he attended a department head meeting on the budget, sent out 8-10 reminder NM checklist letters, still waiting on 2020 checklist that were due in May. Also attended online virtual trainings and virtual County Con meeting. Troester gave the committee a brief update on the CAFO study group and is working on getting a meeting schedule later this month. Troester also gave an update on the aquatic invasive species funding and will be contacting Golden Sands RC&D to see if they would be interested in doing the work.

Clean Sweep
Clean Sweep date is set for Friday October 23rd at the Crawford County Highway shop. Discussion took place on COVID-19 safety measures and pricing. Households will be charged $.50 for each bulb over 25 this year. The LCD will move forward with planning the event but will also be prepared to postpone or cancel the event.

Youth Conservation Day
Discussion took place on safety concerns, food, large groups and busing issues. LCD is moving forward with the planning but is preparing for postponement/cancelation of the event.

Conservation Awards
The Conservation Award Ceremony will be held Wednesday, August 19 at La Riviere Park Shelter in Prairie du Chien at 7:00 p.m. Troester will contact the award winners.

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

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS
Bunting stated one extended project remains to be completed from last year’s funds. Bunting informed the committee he is busy working with Adam on NRCS dam projects, marking GPS points for new CREP signups and finishing up last year’s rip-rap projects.

KARYL FRITSCHE, NRCS
Fritsche stated they have a new grazing planner, Robert Bower. They are working on finishing up CRP contracts, EQUIP contracts and getting CREP offers put together. Fritsche informed the committee the NRCS/FSA office will be moving to the old Kozelka’s Men’s Wear building sometime next year. Cover crops are tentatively scheduled to be flown the first week in September.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth, Brandon Sieck
Walroth stated she got out to a few properties & met with land owners when possible. She is following the State COVID-19 guidelines. She has some CRP tree planting projects coming up.
**UW Extension Carolyn Ihde (not present)**
Extension staff is not in the office yet they are continuing to work from home.

**FSA – Bob Standorf**
Standorf read a report from Emily Schildgen, the new FSA County Executive Director. The FSA office is open by appointment only. The staff is using new software that allows producers to sign documents digitally. The agency is allowing a 30 day extension on crop reporting, the new deadline is August 14th. The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) signup goes until August 28th.

**Public Comment**
Ellen Brooks, Crawford Stewardship Project spoke regarding the possibility of extending the CAFO moratorium.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

Standorf made the motion to adjourn at 10:22 a.m., second by Moret. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel
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