

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

SOIL & WATER CONCERNS

July 9, 2019

Chairman Esser called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Dave Olson, Don Dudenbostel, Wade Dull, and Kim Moret.

A motion was made by Olson to approve the minutes as mailed. Second by Dull. Motion carried.

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Troester stated he finished working on the Farm Preservation and Nutrient Management Plans. The department is working on the Conservation Award presentation at the Crawford County Fair, donations and presenters for Youth Conservation Day and the Clean Sweep event in the fall. Troester attended the Towns Association meeting in Seneca with Shedivy. He had some inquires about Farm Preservation Zoning. He also attended the Farm Bureau meeting in Gays Mills and the Speakers Task Force in La Crosse. Troester will be on vacation next week and will not be attending the County Con Meeting this year. Troester informed the committee he has been receiving calls and emails about a possible CAFO unit being built in Marietta Township nothing has been submitted to the office to confirm the accusation. The vehicle for the Zoning department was purchased from the Sheriff's Dept. Troester stated he is working on updating a map of the trails at the La Riviera Park. The LCC Training & Area Tour will be on July 23rd in Sparta.

DAWS Water Study

Troester attended the DAWS meeting in Gays Mills on Monday. He stated the Public Health Dept. is working on a grant for public outreach. State Representative Loren Oldenburg also attended the meeting. The next meeting will be August 20th and the group will be meeting with the researchers from UW-Stevens Point in Richland Center.

Clean Sweep

Troester discussed with the committee plans and collection prices for the upcoming Clean Sweep Event that will be held in Seneca at the Hwy Shop on October 25th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Contribution letters were sent to the Townships, Villages and the City.

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

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS, Not Present

Troester gave the report for Bunting: construction is picking up, working on CREP sign up, and spraying for Japanese hops will start soon.

KARYL FRITSCHKE, NRCS – Not Present

Troester read a report to the committee that Fritsche emailed. Currently working on CREP sign up, EQUIP & cover crop funding will be releasing soon. One riprap project funded for about \$90,000. To date \$744,000 funded for EQUIP & \$430,000 cover crop applications still pending. The compass system is being used to certify field borders. Eric Carson will be speaking about the geology of the Upper Mississippi & Lower WI Rivers on July 10th in Ferryville.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth, Brandon Sieck

Walroth stated they will be filling the vacant position in Boscobel soon. She has been working with landowners to finalize their forest landowner grants.

UW Extension (not present)

Adam Hady is no longer the Ag Agent, he will be taking over a five county area with UW-Extension.

FSA (not present)

Farmers are filing for prevent planting, Dudenbostel's term as President will end in January.

Public Comment

Ellen Brooks, Crawford Stewardship Project, expressed concern on the possibility of a CAFO unit being built in Marietta Township. Marietta Town Board will be holding a meeting on July 15th at 7:00 at the Town Hall in regards to the talk of a CAFO. She also stated they support the efforts of DAWS.

Next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, August 13, 2019.

Dull made the motion to adjourn at 10:55 a.m., second by Dudenbostel. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel
Administrative Assistant

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