

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

SOIL & WATER CONCERNS

March 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Olson at 9:45 a.m. Olson verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Wade Dull, Gary Koch and Kim Moret who joined the meeting via Zoom.

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

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Troester stated he attended the WI Land & Water virtual conference last week, there was a lot of good topics covered. The tree sale is wrapping up for the year. Reimbursement was submitted for the Clean Sweep & AIS Grant. Troester discussed the vacant FSA committee member seat. The seat will remain open until further guidance is given from the State. Troester informed the committee of assembly Bill 49. If passed the Counties would no longer handle the wildlife program, it would be handled by the DNR. Troester shared a brochure he received from Tom & Cathie Nelson on the St. Feriolo Island Memorial Gardens.

Conservation Awards

Troester asked the committee if they had any recommendations for Conservation Award recipients. He would like to decide by next month's meeting so he can have the benches built by the PDC HS shop class.

Soil & Water Stewardship Proclamation

Motioned by Koch to proclaim April 24 to May 1, 2022, as Soil & Water Stewardship Week and have the County Board sign and recognize this with a Proclamation, second by Dull. Motion carried unanimously.

Tire Clean Up

The committee and LCD discussed setting up the Tire Clean Up event at the Highway Department in June. Troester will finalize the date with Town and County and the Hwy Dept.

Work Plan & SWRM Grant

Discussion took place on the 2022 Annual Work Plan and the 2023 SWRM Grant Application. Motioned by Dull to submit the 2022 Annual Work Plan and the 2023 SWRM Grant Application, second by Koch. Motion carried unanimously.

PL – 566 Inspection Plan

Discussion took place on the Dam maintenance. Mike Dreschmeir, NRCS engineer will no longer be doing the inspections. A private engineer will need to be hired to do the inspection. Surrounding Counties are looking at going together and hiring an engineer to inspect the Dams.

Bills

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

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS

Bunting stated every project he designed and surveyed has been approved. He is waiting to see if a couple of Adam's NRCS projects get funded if not he may be able to take on the projects. He attended a stream bank training last month. Working on getting some CRP re-enrolled into CREP.

KARYL FRITSCHKE, NRCS (not present)

Troester read a report from Fritsche: They are currently working on obligations for the first round of EQIP. CRP sign up deadline is Friday for the general sign up. The first round of CSP applications is closed and they are working on the rankings.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth (joined via Zoom)

Walroth stated she has done some field checks and working on paperwork while in the office.

UW Extension Carolyn Ihde (not Present)

No report

FSA – Bob Standorf

No report.

Public Comment

Crawford Stewardship Project: Forest Jahnke stated CSP would be willing to help with water testing in the fall if more testing was done. Ellen Brooks stated she liked the Zoom option.

Gillian Pomplun, Crawford County Independent informed the committee about a PFAS article in last week's paper and a 3M waste disposal site investigation in the Village of Bell Center.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

Dull made the motion to adjourn at 10:26 a.m., second by Koch. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Nagel
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