

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
May 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Olson at 9:30 a.m. Olson verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Mary Kuhn, Gary Koch and Kim Moret.

Olson welcomed Mary Kuhn as our new committee member; she will be replacing Wade Dull.

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

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Troester stated the office has handled a lot of POWTS calls since the reminder notices were sent. The lumber was purchased for the benches that are given out at the Conservation Award Ceremony. The Prairie du Chien High School Shop class will be building and engraving the benches. All of the award winners have been contacted except for one who has been hard to reach. Troester attended the Arbor Day event on the Island and gave a presentation on wildfire prevention to the 1st grade students. The tree sale is wrapped up for the year, pick up was held at the County Building. Riley Hubanks accepted the summer intern/AIS Coordinator position and will be starting the end of May. Freeman Township is still moving ahead with farmland preservation zoning. They have a draft ordinance and have a couple of upcoming meetings. AV Roth received his DNR CAFO permit last week, the permit is good thru May 31, 2027. The County has not received a County Livestock application yet. The application for the 2023 electronics clean sweep grant was sent in. Troester will be submitting the application for the 2023 chemical grant by the end of May. Tire clean up will be June 11th in Seneca at the Hwy Shop.

LCC Member

Troester discussed with the committee examples of what other counties are doing with the vacant FSA seat on LCC committee's throughout the State.

Motion by Kuhn to ask Bob Standorf to make a recommendation for a FSA rep to the LCC Board, seconded by Moret. Motion carried unanimously.

WI Land & Water Conservation Camp Scholarship

Troester was questioned if a scholarship was being offered by the County Land Conservation Department for an upcoming WI Land & Water middle school conservation camp. Troester sent out a press release asking interested students to submit a half-page essay on the value of outdoor education. No essays were received by the deadline given. Troester asked the committee if they wanted to offer a scholarship in the forthcoming years.

Motioned by Koch to publish a press release in the forthcoming years to award a maximum of three, \$100.00 middle school conservation camp scholarships each year, second by Kuhn. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills

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

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS

Bunting stated he has been helping Adam with surveying for next years projects. He had a project get started last week but was delayed due to material shortages. Working on a couple of CREP re-enrolls.

KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS

Fritsche stated the office is working on normal yearly stuff: contracts, continuous signups and new applications. There were not a lot of strips this year.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth (joined via Zoom)

Walroth stated she is trying to get some field appointments done but had to do a lot of re-scheduling due to the rain. Attended the CDAC meeting for Crawford County and a couple of school group presentations. Walroth reminded the committee of the walnut council meeting scheduled on Saturday, May 21st in Vernon County.

UW Extension Carolyn Ihde (not present)

No report

FSA – (not present)

No report.

Public Comment

Crawford Stewardship Project: Forest Jahnke asked the county to keep him informed on Roth Feeder Pig permit process.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Nagel
Administrative Assistant
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