

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

SOIL & WATER CONCERNS

October 8, 2019

Chairman Esser called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Dave Olson, Kim Moret and Wade Dull. Don Dudenbostel was excused.

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

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Youth Conservation Day was held on Wednesday, September 25th for area schools and it was a beautiful day and a great success. Kim Moret stopped by and sat in on the reptile presentation. Troester attended the Fall Tech Tour in Vernon County last week and gave a brief report. The office has been receiving a lot of calls on the rain/flooding issues throughout the County. Clean Sweep is scheduled for Friday October 25 in Seneca. An EPA number had to be obtained this year for the hazardous waste collection. Brief discussion on EHD that has been confirmed in Crawford County. Troester asked the committee to start thinking about trees sales and if there was a specific species they would like to see offered this year.

CAFO Discussion

The committee discussed the County doing a moratorium. The Committee felt it is premature and is going to set it aside at this time.

DAWS Methodology

Troester informed the committee they are looking at doing the first round of water testing in the spring. Each county needs to decide how they want to obtain the samples, randomized or a volunteer/ first-come, first-serve. After a brief discussion the committee seemed to agree that randomized testing would be the best way to serve our residents and also create sound data.

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

GREG CERVEN, 2020 WILDLIFE BUDGET

Cerven's presented the 2020 Crawford County WDACP Budget in the amount of \$14,500 for administration, abatement for wildlife damage claims and deer donation. Cerven's stated there might be a large fence project next year but we are not budgeting for it because we are not sure if it will happen. If it does, we will amend the budget.

Motion by Dull to approve the WDACP Budget in the amounts as presented, second by Olson. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

2019 Deer Donation Project

Eastman Locker will be participating in the deer donation project this year. The donated deer will be distributed to the Coulee Cap & Gays Mills food pantries.

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS

Bunting stated with all of the flooding issues throughout the county he has been getting calls. He has tried to direct them in the right direction- his projects/designs consist of erosion control not flood control. Trying to get out to look at sites but not getting a lot of call backs due to absent landowners. Surveying has not started yet but hoping by the end of the month. Looking at new rip-rap design, trying to make the rip-rap last longer on the projects.

KARYL FRITSCHKE, NRCS

Fritsche stated it has been quiet in the office due to the yearend roll over. Participated in Youth Conservation Day, and in the field looking at cover crops- there has been 16 inches of rain since the seed was flown on. Seeding looks good and plants are coming up. Attended a Tainter Creek Watershed meeting, they obtained an EPA grant for grazing & cover crops. Construction has finished up. CRP sign-up is done and no deadlines have been set up for 2020.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth, Brandon Sieck

Walroth stated she is participated in Youth Conservation Day & is continuing to work with landowners in State & Federal cost share programs. She handed out 2020 tree & shrub order forms, and tree planting guide. Dan Goltz the Wildlife Biologist will be having a special meeting on Monday from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. location TBA. He will be discussing EHD and doing a presentation on the SAK procedure for estimating the deer populations.

UW Extension (not present)

Still no Ag Agent, waiting to hear if will be a shared position with Richland County.

FSA (not present)

FMP payments are being sent out.

Public Comment

Ellen Brooks, Crawford Stewardship Project, expressed concern for the proposed CAFO in Marietta Township. CSP staffer Forest Jahnke is in Madison today to speak in favor of proposals to recognize our Karst geology as sensitive areas and set new standards.

Next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Nagel
Administrative Assistant

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