

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION, PLANNING & ZONING
DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
October 09, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Esser at 10:18 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Dave Olson, Don Dudenbostel, Wade Dull and Harriet Behar.

Behar made the motion to approve the minutes as mailed, second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION, PLANNING & ZONING CONSERVATIONIST

Troester attended the cover crop field day that was held at the Chad Sime farm in Freeman Township last month. They discussed different techniques of getting the seed on the ground, approx. 20 people attended. Youth Conservation Day was held on September 27th with over 170 students attending. The weather cooperated, it was a bit muddy on the path to the fish shocking station, several stones and boards we laid out on the path. The youth attended six different stations; Fire Control, DNR Fisheries Crew shocking fish, DNR Wildlife, Birds of Prey with Merv & Suzanne Broten; NRCS demonstration of the new Rainfall Simulator; Outdoor Safety with Cindy Riniker, the County Nurse and she was also on site in case of any accidents. All of the presenters did a great job. Dave Olson also attended and went to several stations. Donations were received for treats from Hillcrest Orchard, Peoples State Bank, Crawford County Dairy Committee, Nichols Water, Piggly Wiggly, Prairie Farms and Cabela's.

Troester and Bunting attended Prairie du Chien Schools outdoor education day held at Wyalusing Park last week. They gave a soils presentation to the students, which included PH education and demonstration a mini-rainfall simulation. Wauzeka School also asked about having a presentation done at their upcoming outdoor day at Badger Camp. Troester is working with the NRCS office on getting that set up. Clean Sweep plans are being finalized for October 26th and the Skills USA class from Steuben/Wauzeka will be helping as well as the North Crawford/Seneca wrestlers. New Conservation Employee Training is next Tuesday in Madison and Nagel will be attending. Cover Crops is all wrapped up, just working on the final billing. Troester stated it was time to start thinking about the tree sales and asked the committee members to contact him if there was a specific tree species they wanted to see offered this year.

Transmission Line Resolution

Discussion took place regarding the High Capacity Transmission Lines. Motion by Behar to approve the Resolution and to present it to the County Board at the upcoming meeting, second by Dull. Motion carried unanimously.

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

GREG CERVEN, 2019 WILDLIFE BUDGET – Not Present

Troester presented the 2019 Crawford County WDACP Budget in the amount of \$10,500 for administration and abatement for wildlife damage claims. Troester 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 Behar to approve the WDACP Budget in the amounts as presented, second by Dull. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS, Not Present

KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS

Fritsche introduced James Bultman he has been with the NRCS for three years and now works out of the Prairie du Chien NRCS Office. Fritsche stated they have no farm bill and they have never not had a farm bill. This has put a lot of funding on hold. They have been working on CSP and CRP contracts but the funding is on hold. They have advertised for a full-time Soil Con/Grazing Specialist which will be a partner position with Southwest Badger. They have been getting in photos from Black Sand Granary so they will start processing Cover Crop

payments. They are close to hitting the million-dollar mark on funding again this year which is high for the County. Adam & Travis are busy out on construction and they have three dams they are working on getting finished up before the weather changes. This week the regional and collegiate soils contest is taken place in a variety of locations throughout Crawford County and they will be assisting with that.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth

Walroth shared the 2019 DNR Tree & Shrub application/order form from the Boscobel nursery. She continues to meet with Crawford County land owners and going over their cost-share projects and was at the North Crawford School last week to do a presentation for Beyond the Bell program.

UW EXTENSION - NOT PRESENT

Olson indicated the Family Living Agent will start on October 22nd. They are looking at sharing an Ag Agent with Richland County.

FSA –

Dudenbostel stated things are also on hold due to the farm bill.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

Olson made the motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m., second by Behar. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel
Administrative Assistant

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