

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

SOIL & WATER CONCERNS

September 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Olson at 10:25 a.m. Olson verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Bob Standorf, Wade Dull, Kim Moret and Gary Koch.

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

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Troester stated the Conservation Awards Ceremony was held at the fair, once the weather cleared off it was a nice evening. LCPZD also had an informational booth at the fair. LCD staff has been busy answering phones for Zoning/Sanitation office and answering questions relating to POWTS. Staff is also busy preparing for Youth Conservation Day and the Clean Sweep event. A Clean Sweep flyer was distributed to the committee members. Troester stated the AIS intern is now back at college but may do a Clean Boats Clean Waters event in October. The AIS grant for next year is due November 1. Troester will be reaching out to Richland and Vernon Counties to touch base on the DAWS water study and see what their future plans are. He will also be looking at getting trees ordered for next year due to the tree shortage.

Award Conservation Aids

The LCPZD received two applications for the Conservation Aids Grant. Applicant one - PDC Rod & Gun Club, Jerry Cummings, for the Dudenbostel Rock Riprap and Trout Habitat Repair. Jerry Cummings presented the project. Applicant two – City of PDC, Mike Ulrich, for Washington Street Park Tree Planting.

Motioned by Koch to approve both projects with \$1000.00 of the 2021 – 2022 Conservation Aids grant being awarded to the City of PDC, Mike Ulrich, for Washington Street Park Tree Planting and the remaining grant funds, plus any additional grant funds awarded to the county from DNR, to PDC Rod & Gun Club, Jerry Cummings, for the Dudenbostel Rock Riprap and Trout Habitat Repair, contingent upon grant and budget approval second by Moret. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Youth Conservation Day

Troester discussed with the committee COVID safety protocols and if the event should be canceled. The event will move forward as planned with safety measures in place for Thursday, September 23.

Bills

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

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS (not present)

Troester gave a brief report for Bunting. Construction projects are slowing down but will be out in the field soon to start surveying.

KARYL FRITSCHKE, NRCS (not present)

No report

DNRFORESTER, Christine Walroth

Walroth joined the meeting via Zoom and stated she has been meeting with landowners for CRP sign ups. She has also met with private landowners and walked through their woods. The DNR State Nursery will start accepting spring tree orders on October 1st by mail or email this year. No phone orders will be accepted.

UW Extension Carolyn Ihde (Not Present)

No report

FSA – Bob Standorf

Standorf stated 70 CRP contracts, including renewals were received. Commodity and loan rates are stable, and dairy margin is down slightly.

Public Comment

Sarah Barron - Crawford Stewardship Project stated the Roth Feeder Pig 2 CAFO permit is still being reviewed by the DNR. CSP is requesting an environmental study be conducted.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

Moret made the motion to adjourn at 11:10 a.m., second by Dull. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Nagel
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