

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
January 12, 2021

The Zoom/Teleconference meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Olson at 9:46 a.m. Olson verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Bob Standorf, Kim Moret, and Wade Dull. Edward Hayes-Hall was excused. Wade Dull left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Troester stated the office is busy with typical end-of-year stuff. The poster contest deadline was Friday, Seneca & PDC Bluffview Schools participated. Judging took place this morning and the first place winners will be moving on to the area contest which will be in early February. Troester informed the committee he received approval for the Surface Water/AIS grant for approx \$7000.00 and he is still trying to find a partner to do the work. He was also notified the Clean Sweep grant was approved for approx \$9000.00. In mid December the County Board voted to table the CAFO Moratorium, and it has now expired. The DAWS results were shared with the County Board at the December meeting. The official press release on the results will be going out to the public soon. The annual tree sale order form is being finalized and will be mailed out later this week. It will also be available on the web site and Facebook page. The area NRCS Tech update is tomorrow and Travis will be attending that virtually. Troester will be attending a La Riviere Park board meeting and a Deer Council meeting this month.

Membership Dues

Annual membership dues were discussed. Motion by Standorf to pay WI Land & Water Conservation \$1,420.00 the National Association of Conservation Districts \$250.00 and the Western Area Association \$25.00. Second by Moret. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Approval of WLWCA Conference

The WLWCA Conference this year will be a virtual event, March 2-5. Motion by Moret to allow any committee member or LCD staff to attend the annual WLWCA Virtual Conference March 2-5, second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

NMM Permit Transfers/Fees

Troester gave a brief update to the committee on the status of the non-metallic mining transfers. Milestone Materials purchased the Kramer Company and took over ownership of the sites. Three of the properties permits were transferred to Prairie Sand and Gravel and the remaining sites were transferred to Milestone. The committee discussed the permit transfer fees for the Milestone sites.

Motion by Standorf to give a reduction in permit transfer cost of \$200.00 per quarry for the eleven sites being transferred to Milestone Materials, second by Moret. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Troester informed the committee of another non-metallic mining transfer. This involves the inactive quarry owned by Mark Pedretti but operated by Prairie Sand and Gravel. The lease has lapsed and Pedretti is working on getting the permit transferred to him. Pedretti would assume the annual fees of the quarry.

DAWS – Spring Testing Discussion/Approval

Troester discussed with the committee Spring water testing and funding cost.

Motion by Standorf to pay for the testing of 100 wells in the spring from the LCD funds, second by Moret. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Bills

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

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS(Not Present)

Troester gave a brief report to the committee. Bunting is working on getting year end paperwork submitted to DATCP. Also doing some surveying and design work.

KARYL FRITSCHKE, NRCS

Fritsche stated they moved to the new office location last week. The office is now located at 120 N. Beaumont Road, PDC. Working on Equip and CSP contracts, there is no full budget yet.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth, Brandon Sieck

Walroth stated she has been meeting with land owners when possible and practicing social distancing. A group of the DNR Foresters in the SW part of the State is putting together a virtual meeting for land owners. It will be held on February 24, from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. The meeting is to keep private landowners informed of the services and changes with cost sharing.

UW Extension Carolyn Ihde(Not Present)

Meeting tomorrow regarding hiring a new Fair Coordinator.

FSA – Bob Standorf

Standorf informed the committee a meeting is set up for Thursday and will be at the new office location. Mat Ross, is the new County Executive Director.

Public Comment

Ellen Brooks Crawford Stewardship Project thanked the committee for approving the funding of the spring water testing. She also asked the committee if there would be any action in the future regarding the expired CAFO Moratorium.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

Moret made the motion to adjourn at 10:40 a.m., second by Standorf. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel
Administrative Assistant

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