

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

SOIL & WATER CONCERNS

October 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Olson at 10:05 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 Standorf to approve the minutes as mailed, second by Koch. Motion carried unanimously.

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Troester stated Youth Conservation Day was held on Thursday, September 23rd at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. Three schools attended and two did not attend this year. One school did not attend due to Covid concerns and the other was due to miscommunication, the emails were not being received by the new teacher. It was a beautiful day and youth attended five different stations; DNR Fish Shocking, DNR Forestry, DNR Wildlife, CSP Karst Geology, and Reptiles with Dan Nedrelo. Donations were received for treats from Kickapoo Orchard, Peoples State Bank, Crawford County Dairy Promoters, Nichols Water, Piggly Wiggly, Prairie Farms and Cabela's. The AIS grant for next year is due on November 1st. LCD staff has been busy with the Sanitation and Zoning issues.

Clean Sweep Details

Clean Sweep plans are being finalized for October 22nd, townships and villages will be coming on Thursday afternoon with their loads. Still have not received donations from 2 townships & 3 villages. The Highway department will be helping again this year with the event.

Bills

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

GREG CERVAN, WILDLIFE BUDGET

Approve Wildlife Budget

Troester presented the 2022 Crawford County WDACP Budget in the amount of \$14,500 for administration, abatement for wildlife damage claims and deer donation.

Motion by Standorf, second by Dull to approve and sign the WDACP Budget request as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

2021 Deer Donation Program

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

Dull made a motion to once again run the Deer Donation project in Crawford County through the Land Conservation Dept. Koch seconded. Motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS

Bunting stated construction projects are wrapping up and still doing a few well closings. He will be out in the field soon to start surveying as the weather allows. Started working on applying for the DNR Dam Grant, the deadline is February. There is a new design for the Dam this year from one of the State engineers. The 10 year annual review was done this year on the Dam and now we have the documentation stating we need to fix it. Bunting stated this will move us up in the rankings for the grant. CREP signups are wrapping up, received two new signups this year.

KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS (not present)

Jacob Johnson, Soil Conservationist for NRCS and Robert Bower, Grazing Specialist, Golden Sands/NRCS read a report from Karyl. At the end of the fiscal year 34 contracts were obligated. The new EQUIP signup will be November 19.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth

Walroth joined the meeting via Zoom and stated she attended Youth Conservation Day last month. She has been working with landowners on the cost sharing for NRCS EQUIP and WI Forestland Owner Grant Program and a couple of CRP contracts. Also completed inspections for the American Tree Farm for two Crawford County land owners.

UW Extension Carolyn Ihde (Not Present)

No report

FSA – Bob Standorf

Standorf stated nothing new to report, FSA will be meeting this Thursday.

Public Comment

Forest Jahnke - Crawford Stewardship Project stated the Roth Feeder Pig 2 CAFO permit is still being reviewed by the DNR. He also voiced his concern of future CAFO permitting in the County.

Next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

Koch made the motion to adjourn at 10:33 a.m., second by Standorf. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Nagel
Administrative Assistant
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