

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
June 11, 2019

Chairman Esser called the meeting to order at 9:56 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Dave Olson, Wade Dull, and Kim Moret. Don Dudenbostel was excused.

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

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Troester stated he has been busy this month working with Farm Preservation and Nutrient Management Plans and will be submitting information to the State later this week. La Riviera park board is moving ahead with the construction of a new park shelter. Troester attended an EPA partnership meeting with Karyl and Jacob at the Valley Stewardship office in Viroqua and gave a brief report on managed grazing in Tainter Creek. He also met with Representative Loren Oldenburg and Vernon Co Conservationist Ben Wojahn and discussed a variety of conservation issues. Tonight Troester will be attending the Town Association meeting in Seneca with Shedivy. He will also be attending the next Speakers Task Force meeting in La Crosse and the Farm Bureau District 3 Tri-Co meeting in Gays Mills later this week. Tire Clean Up was held last Saturday; two dumpsters of tires were collected. Troester stated he met with Butch from the Sheriff's Dept. and test-drove the vehicle. He said it will need brakes and detailed. He is waiting to hear back on a price. Plans are underway for Youth Conservation Day and Conservation Awards ceremony at the fair.

Multi-County Well Testing

Troester stated the tri-county water study has a name: DAWS - Driftless Area Water Study. At the last meeting they came up with a tentative budget and are looking for grant funding.

Conservation Aids

Troester gave an update on the projects and made the committee aware of possibly changing the scope of a project.

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

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS

Bunting stated he has had eleven well decommissioning's which is more than double compared to last year. Not much construction due to the wet weather. CREP sign-ups started June 3rd. Bunting gave a brief update on the dam.

KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS

Fritsche stated cost-share will no longer be available on CREP. Working in the next funding cycle, should know by June 28th on the funding. No riprap rock available in the County and rock is needed for the projects on the books. The Crawford County Cover Crop article that was in the Independent was published in the Air Ag Update magazine that circulates in all 50 states and three countries.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth, Brandon Sieck

Walroth stated Ben Ross, the forest ranger from the Boscobel office is leaving and his position will be vacant. There will be more personnel changes to come. She has been spending a lot of time on the phone with landowners working on grant cost share projects.

UW Extension (not present)

Adam Hadys attended the last DAWS meeting Gays Mills.

FSA (not present)

Starting crop reports.

Public Comment

Ellen Brooks, Crawford Stewardship Project, gave a short report on the water quality monitor training. Brooks stated they support the efforts of DAWS. Brooks distributed information on the SW WI Farmers Union Chapter meeting in Montfort on June 26, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

Olson made the motion to adjourn at 10:45 a.m., second by Dull. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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