

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION, PLANNING & ZONING
DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
August 14, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Esser at 10:05 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Dave Olson, Wade Dull, Don Dudenbostel and Harriet Behar. Also present was County Board Chairman Tom Cornford.

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

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION, PLANNING & ZONING CONSERVATIONIST

Troester stated he attended the County Con Meeting in Wisconsin Rapids and it was very informational. WI Land and Water has a new executive director Matt Krueger. John Exo from UW Extension came at the end of July and did an informal survey on NR151. Troester and Bunting participated in GPS contour strip presentation that was held at the Country on the River grounds. Spraying for Japanese Hops along Copper Creek has started this week. Still working on Cover Crops, the final maps have been sent to Ag-Tech; approx. 3800 acres this year. The Conservation Awards Program will be at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 23rd at the fairgrounds. The display is ready for the fair booth. Youth Conservation Day is set for September 27th at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. Troester and the board members will be attending the LLC Training & Tour held in Sparta on August 28th.

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

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS

Bunting indicated he finished up on the streambank project and just waiting on some paper work. He has been busy with construction projects and spraying Japanese Hops. He stated he is currently working on three waterway projects. The stapler will be going out for the waterway projects.

Aspenson Farms permit for waste storage facility closure

Bunting stated the plan has been signed off by Dave Russell and all of the contaminated soil has been removed and reshaped. No fees associated – cost share with SWRM Grant.

Motion by Olson to approve the permit closure, second by Dull. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS

Fritsche stated she has been working on the cover crop and construction projects, finishing up equip contracts and the CSP contracts all received funding. The local work group will have a few changes next year and there will be some changes coming with the new farm bill. They are working on streamlining the programs to make them similar and not so complicated for the farmers.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth

Walroth stated she has meet with several landowners in Crawford County in July. Joe Schmaedick has relocated to the Boscobel office. Walroth stated she now has a forestry pesticide applicator license.

UW EXTENSION - NOT PRESENT

Dull indicated that they will be doing interviews in September to hire a Family Living Agent.

FSA – NOT PRESENT

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ellen Brooks, Crawford Stewardship, indicated that the Tainter Creek Watershed had been awarded a grant for cover crop and well water testing through DATCP. The Karst workshop that was held in July had 50 people attend.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds for the Conservation Awards.
Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel
Administrative Assistant

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