

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
January 9, 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, and Harriet Behar. Wade Dull and Don Dudenbostel were excused.

Motion by Olson to approve the minutes as mailed, second by Behar. Motion carried unanimously.

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

2018 Tree Seedling Sale is currently being held and orders must be in by March 15, 2018. 2017 end of year extensions for L & W Projects/SEG Nutrient Management were sent into the state to be extended into 2018. Speaking/Poster Contests are in the process and posters are due in to our office by Friday, January 19. North Crawford is the only school participating in the Speaker Contest. Snowmobile trails have not been opened to date. DNR Non-Metallic Mining Representative was in office for an audit concerning the quarries. Mathy Construction is looking into putting a Mobile Asphalt Plant in the Swiggum Quarry. All day Cover Crop Meeting to be held on January 23, 2018 at Gays Mills.

Discussed a Farmland Preservation Credit/SEG Funding Nutrient Management issue and the LCC decided to have Troester continue to encourage landowner to follow through with program as he received grant funds of \$1,900 two years ago and it is a 4-year program; he is not receiving the Farmland Preservation credit due to receiving the VA Tax Credit.

Troester presented the Resolution establishing Seasonal and Daily Fees for Use of Gordon's Bay Public Boat Landing that had been passed by the Highway Committee. Motion by Olson to approve the Resolution for Gordon's Bay Fees, second by Esser. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Troester presented Resolution Urging the State to Recognize Local Sensitivities, Local Control and Improve Oversight of WPDES Permitting Process. Jahnke, Crawford Stewardship Project, addressed the issue and explained history behind this resolution. Motion by Behar, second by Olson to approve the Resolution Urging the State to Recognize Sensitivities, Local Control and Improve Oversight of WPDES Permitting Process. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion to continue the Conservation Awards ceremony at the Crawford County Fair on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the tent next to the Animal Barns. The consensus of committee was to hold the same time and place as last year at the Crawford County Fair. Troester hopes to get names for benches and engraved in April/May to the PdC Tech Class to complete before school ends.

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

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS

Bunting stated he has been doing spot checks on projects. Plans on burning piles of wood at dam tomorrow and get stickers on the truck. Completed extensions into DATCP, completed some designs, but nothing approved yet. NRCS will no longer assist with anything that is not EQIP so will have to get approval elsewhere.

KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS

Cover Crop letters went out for the meeting on January 23. Discussion of MRBI funds and it has no high priority as they are working on a back log of applications. Another deadline is May 18th.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth & Chrissy Shaw

Walroth introduced Shaw to those present; she is housed out of the Boscobel Nursery. They stated they have been working with private landowners on several issues.

VANCE HAUGEN, UW Extension

FSA (not present).

Public Comment

Ellen Brooks, Crawford Stewardship, informed the LCC of two upcoming events; Industrial Ag in the Driftless to be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the AmericInn, Boscobel and on Saturday, February 3 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Love the Land! fundraiser at the Community Room, Gays Mills.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

Behar made the motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m., second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harriet Behar
Secretary

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