

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION, PLANNING & ZONING
DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
June 12, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Esser at 10:00 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Dave Olson, Wade Dull, Harriet Behar and Don Dudenbostel.

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

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION, PLANNING & ZONING CONSERVATIONIST

Troester stated he has been doing a lot of Planning, Zoning and Septic Systems work with Shedivy; there has been a ripple effect on enforcement issues. Farmland Preservation and Nutrient Management Plan check lists have taken up a great deal of time and are due to the state this Friday. We received approximately 30+ applications for the Clerk position and will be doing interviews with 7 individuals this Friday. We hope to get a week overlap period with the individual as Wolcott's last day is July 6th. Snowmobile expenses have been paid to the clubs and a request from the DNR for reimbursement has been submitted, as well as the 2019 grant application. The Conservation Aids grant has been approved per our request to be extended (June 2019) for another year as DNR were unable to get into the stream to do the rip rap. A sheet with tree sales income and expenses was distributed. Tire Clean Up was held last Saturday. Youth Conservation Day plans are underway as well as the Conservation Awards ceremony at the fair.

Motion by Olson to allow Troester to attend the County Con Meeting in Wisconsin Rapids in mid-July, second by Dull. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Troester indicated he will need to issue Ruth Powell and Schwert Farms letters of FPP-Notice of Non-Compliance as they have not followed through with Nutrient Management check lists for several years, which means they will no longer be able to claim the tax credit until they comply. Motion by Olson to issue A Notice of Non-Compliance to Powell and Schwert Farms in the FPP program, second by Dull. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Troester indicated he will be on vacation the last week of June.

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

Esser stated this will be Wolcotts last meeting with the committee and thanked Wolcott for her service to Crawford County and indicated she will be greatly missed. Refreshments were served in her honor. Wolcott indicated she had truly enjoyed working with the committee and the LCD staff.

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS

Bunting indicated the Tire Clean Up had a steady stream of individuals and both dumpsters were full by the end of the day. He is busy meeting with landowners on projects. In the process of doing CREP re-enrolls. The dam work will consist of getting file in the spillway and soil borings. He attended a Stream Habitat training last month. Will be working towards Job Approval authority for joint DATCP/NRCS data base approval.

KARYL FRITSCHKE, NRCS (not present)

Fritsche's email was shared with the committee; Conservation position has been advertised and closed. Fritsche is hosting a draglining meeting on June 14th, 7 p.m. at Joe's Kountry Bar and Grill in Steuben. On June 26th she will be talking with all lenders at Peoples State Bank about programs and letting them know what is available. On June 28th having a demo on the GPS contour layout system at COTR grounds starting at 9:30 a.m. On June 29th hope to know amount of cover crop applications funded; have \$900K ready to go (MRBI, Honey Bee and Soil Health). October 19th is the next EQIP batching date for FY2019 funds. Still no regular CRP, just Continuous CRP (CREP) acres. Construction is in full swing.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth – NOT PRESENT

UW EXTENSION - NOT PRESENT

FSA – NOT PRESENT

PUBLIC COMMENT

Meg Wise Crawford Stewardship, stated they will have a KARST Geology Exploration (sink holes) on Saturday, July 28th at the Highway Department, Seneca, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 2018.

Olson made the motion to adjourn at 10:55 a.m., second by Dull. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harriet Behar
Secretary

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