

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

SOIL & WATER CONCERNS

November 13, 2019

Chairman Esser called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Dave Olson, Don Dudenbostel, Kim Moret and Wade Dull. Don Dudenbostel left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

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

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Clean Sweep was held Friday October 25 in Seneca. Over 300 vehicles participated during the day event. Three semis were loaded with collection materials, the weights are not in yet. Residences were very happy to have an event like this and overall everything went very well. Troester thanked everyone that helped with the event. Troester indicated Eastman Locker will be participating in the deer donation program this year. There will also be CWD testing stations throughout the County. The area schools were sent information on Speaking & Poster Contest. The deadline for the posters is January 10th and the Speaking contest will be in in late January. This year's theme is "Where Would We Bee Without Pollinators?" We were awarded \$2902.00 for 2019-2020 Conservation Aid Grant. The County will match that amount. \$5804.00 will be awarded to the three applicants that applied this year. Citron Creek project will receive \$2902.00, the ADA Fishing Pier will receive \$1451.00 and the informational kiosks at La Riviere Park will receive \$1451.00. Troester introduced Jonna Schutte to the committee, she will be replacing Ed Ruff at Southwest Tech. Jonna stated she will be holding NMP Classes, helping farmers with plan writing & soil samples.

CAFO Discussion

Troester briefly discussed the Livestock Siting Rules, ATCP51 rule proposal postponement. He stated he has not received any CAFO applications. He has received calls regarding the legality of the Town of Marietta moratorium. He has spoken with Town Clerk Clifford Monroe and a member of the study group Meredith Sime. Corporate Council, Mark Peterson is looking into the County doing a moratorium and was going to contact Marietta's attorney.

Chairman Esser asked the public for comment: The following citizens spoke to the committee and voiced their concerns regarding the proposed CAFO and urged the County to do a moratorium. Janet Widder, Dave & Sandy Collins, Ken Cornish, Carl Schlecht, Forest Jahnke, & Gillian Pomplun.

The committee would like to see what the moratorium would look like and asked Corporate Council Mark Peterson & Av Roth be invited to the next meeting.

DAWS

Troester stated the proposed budget amount for the water study was not approved by the County Board. Dave is planning to attempt to obtain some county funds after the first of the year. Discussion took place regarding the issues going on in Lafayette County water study. DAWS is looking at starting the first round of water testing in May.

County Conservation Meeting

Motion by Olson to allow Troester to attend the County Conservation meeting, second by Dull. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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 finished up on his last project for the year. He had two projects that were not completed with 2018 funding. Hoping to get out and do some surveying tomorrow but it has been hard to get it done with the weather and the deer hunting. He received twelve new CREP signups but has to check with Vernon County since they farm in both counties. He did the annual Dam inspection and will send it to Mike Dreschmeir.

KARYL FRITSCHKE, NRCS (not present)

Troester gave a report for Fritsche. She has been busy focusing on end of the year payments. No deadlines have been set for next year.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth, Brandon Sieck (not present)

Troester gave a report for Walroth who was unable to make it due to the weather. She is continuing to work with landowners in State & Federal cost share programs and doing property visits.

UW Extension (not present)

Still no Ag Agent, Richland County cut there extension budget.

FSA (not present)

No Report

Public Comment

Gillian Pomplun, reporter for the Crawford County Independent, stated the Tainter Creek Water Shed Council just completed another round of water testing. There will be grant money available, for grazing & cover crops in the Tainter Creek Water Shed.

Forest Jahnke, Crawford Stewardship Project, spoke about the article in the Crawford County Independent "Monroe County Board agrees on effects of climate change" and had extra copies available.

Next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

Dull made the motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m., second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Nagel
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