

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION, PLANNING & ZONING
DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
September 11, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Esser at 9:50 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Dave Olson, Don Dudenbostel and Harriet Behar. Excused was Wade Dull. Also present was County Board Chairman Tom Cornford.

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 that the aerial seeding project has been completed. Cover Crops were applied to approximately 3800 acres. Ag-tech used two planes this year and flew out of the Boscobel and Prairie du Chien airports. Last year it took them two days to apply the crops but this year it took close to seven days. This was due to the weather conditions. Troester stated he tried to get the word out to the public by placing press releases in the Courier Press & Kickapoo Independent and the radio station was also notified. He also kept the Sheriff's department informed daily. Cover crop field day is scheduled for Thursday September 13th at the Chad Sime farm.

Troester indicated that the spraying of the Japanese Hops is completed. Spraying took place along Copper Creek. Conservation Awards ceremony was held at the Crawford County Fair and we had a good turnout. We had an informational booth at the county fair. The Western Area Tour was cancelled due to the rain and flooding and not sure if the tour is being rescheduled. Youth Conservation Day is coming up on September 27th at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. The LCPZD has been very busy getting preparations and details set up for the day. Clean Sweep is scheduled for Friday, October 26th and donations from townships and villages are being received. The Wauzeka Skills USA and the Seneca/North Crawford wrestling team will be helping again this year.

Transmission Line Resolution

Discussion took place regarding the High Capacity Transmission Lines and it was set aside until next month.

Conservation Employee Training

Troester & Nagel would like to attend the Fall Conservation Employee Training in Madison on October 16, 2018. Motion by Olson, second by Behar to allow both to attend the Employee Training. Motion carried unanimously.

Conservation Aids Grant

The LCPZD received one application for the Conservation Aids Grant from the PDC Rod & Gun Club, represented by Jerry Cummings and Duke Welter, for the Tainter-Conway Creek Restoration. A presentation was given regarding the project.

Motioned by Behar to approve the project for the 2018-19 Conservation Aids Grant money, second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Budget

The LCPZD Budget was presented and the budget will be the same as last year. Motion by Behar to approve the LCD Budget as presented, second by Dudenbostel and motion approved by roll call vote.

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, Not Present

Troester gave the report for Bunting because he was attending the rainfall simulator training. He also indicated that due to the heavy rains the dam will need to be cleaned out. NRCS is working on a drain tile plan for the dam. Bunting will be doing some extensions on rip rap projects.

KARYL FRITSCHÉ, NRCS-Not Present

Troester stated Fritsche is also attending the rainfall simulator training today.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth

Walroth stated she continues to meet with Crawford County land owners and going over their cost-share projects and doing property walk through.

UW EXTENSION - NOT PRESENT

Olson indicated that they filled the Family Living Agent position. They will be hiring for the fair coordinator position and Ag Agent in the future.

FSA –

Dudenbostel stated they are going to continue sharing a manager with Richland County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Forest Jahnke, Crawford Stewardship, introduced Eli Mandell who is new Community Engagement Coordinator for Crawford County Stewardship. He gave an update on the Tri-County Ground Water study that is being conducted in Iowa, Grant, & Lafayette Counties.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2018.

Behar made the motion to adjourn at 11:05 a.m., second by Dudenbostel. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel
Administrative Assistant

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