

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**  
**SOIL & WATER CONCERNS**  
**September 8, 2020**

The Zoom/Teleconference meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Olson at 9:46 a.m. Olson verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Kim Moret, Bob Standorf and Wade Dull. Also present was County Board Chairman Tom Cornford. Edward Hayes-Hall was excused.

Motion by Standorf to approve the minutes as mailed, second by Moret. Motion carried unanimously.

**DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION**

Troester stated the Conservation Awards was held at La Riviere Park, it was a great evening and the location worked well. The aquatic invasive species grant was submitted to the DNR. The River Alliance is approved to do the work for us, but waiting to confirm if they will have the time and the staff to do the work. Troester informed the committee that La Crosse County will not be applying for the Clean Sweep Grant for next year. In previous years they have always applied for the grant for us and handled chemical pick-up. We will have to apply for the grant with the State and locate the chemical handler. The deadline to apply is at the end of the month. The Community Dialog on the CAFO was attended by approx. 50 people via Zoom. Jessica Spayde facilitated the event, discussion took place on protecting water, clean air and property values. Troester attended the finance meeting last week to ensure funding for the DAWS water study this fall. There will be a DAWS meeting next week to finalize the details for the fall collection. A few of the Youth Conservation Day presenters have videos presentations done. The presentations will be distributed to the schools soon. Troester was contacted by a landowner in the Town of Eastman. He would possibly like to donate some land for a County park. The committee suggested talking with the Highway Department to see if they would be able to maintain it.

**Conservation Aids**

The LCPZD received two applications for the Conservation Aids Grant. Applicant one - PDC Rod & Gun Club, Jerry Cummings, for the Conway Creek Restoration. Jerry Cummings presented the project. Applicant two – City of PDC La Riviere Park, Mike Ulrich, for informational interpretative signage in La Riviere Park.

Motioned by Standorf to approve both projects with \$1000.00 of the 2020 – 2021 Conservation Aids grant being awarded to the City of PDC La Riviere Park, Mike Ulrich, for informational interpretative signage in La Riviere Park and the remaining grant funds to PDC Rod & Gun Club, Jerry Cummings, for the Conway Creek Restoration, second by Dull. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**CAFO Moratorium Extension review/action**

Troester discussed with the committee the possibility extending the moratorium. The study group was asked to present recommendations to the County Board in October. The majority of the members in the study group felt an extension is needed due to the pandemic delays. A couple of meetings were lost and the water study was postponed. The moratorium became effective on December 31, 2019 and will expire one year from that date. Discussion took place among the committee members.

Motioned by Standorf, second by Dull to recommend to the County Board to extend the current CAFO moratorium for 12 months. Chairman Olson called the roll with the following members voting aye: Dull and Standorf. Voting naye: Cornford, Olson and Moret. Vote was 3-2 against; motion failed.

## **Bills**

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

## **TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS**

Bunting informed the committee the projects are wrapped up for the year. There are a few NRCS projects that will get pushed to next year because the soil moisture is low. Working on the surveying list for this fall. CREP maps updated with Lindsay, and still working on some of the old signups.

## **KARYL FRITSCHKE, NRCS (not present)**

Troester read a report from Fritsche to the committee. Obligated 47 EQIP contracts for \$637,585.65, enrolled 10,955 acres into 5 year CSP contracts, finished up 51 CRP contracts, still working on 15 CREP contracts and cover crops were applied to 12,000 acres in 6 days with 3 planes.

## **DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth, Brandon Sieck**

Walroth stated she has started meeting with land owners face to face with masks on. Worked with Rebecca Vasquez and video recorded a presentation for Youth Conservation Day.

## **UW Extension Carolyn Ihde (not present)**

No report given

## **FSA – Bob Standorf**

Standorf stated August was a busy month in the office. Cleaning up records and getting everything put together for year end. Working on the CFAP signups, deadline is September 11<sup>th</sup>. Approved a logging request on CRP land.

## **Public Comment**

Several members of the public expressed concerns of the CAFO moratorium not being extended.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

Dull made the motion to adjourn at 11:01 a.m., second by Cornford. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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