

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
August 11, 2020

The Zoom/Teleconference meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Olson at 9:59 a.m. Olson verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Kim Moret, Bob Standorf and Wade Dull. Edward Hayes-Hall was excused.

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

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Troester stated he has been busy with various phone calls and emails. Receiving a few nutrient management plans, still no response from a few. He will be making follow up calls and sending notices of non-compliance out soon. The conservation aids streambank project on the Dudenbostel Farm and the chimney swift kiosks at La Riviere Park have been completed. The Conservation Awards Ceremony will be Wednesday, August 19th at La Riviere Park. DAWS will be meeting by Zoom on Monday, August 17th to discuss the fall water testing. Troester stated he has a meeting later today with Ellen Voss, River Alliance of WI, Aquatic Invasive Species Manager regarding the invasive species funding.

Budget

The LCPZD Budget was presented and the budget will be the same as last year with a small increase for software maintenance and a few other accounts (expense increase offset by revenue increase). Motion by Standorf to approve the LCPZD Budget as presented, second by Moret and motion approved by roll call vote.

Approve Snowmobile Payments

Motion by Dull to pay the snowmobile payments to clubs and county as presented, second by Olson. Motion carried by roll call vote

Youth Conservation Day

Discussion took place on safety concerns, and the rise in COVID cases. The committee decided to cancel the in-person event and try to have presenters do a virtual presentation. The virtual presentations could then be distributed to the schools.

CAFO Moratorium Extension review/action

Troester gave a brief update to the committee regarding the study group's progress. The group was asked to present recommendations to the County Board in October but a couple of meetings were lost due to COVID and the water study was postponed. Troester stated the study group's consensus would like to have more time & look at extending the moratorium. He asked the committee what their thoughts or recommendations were. Jessica Spade spoke to the committee about facilitating a public CAFO community discussion by Zoom. Discussion took place and it was decided to schedule the CAFO community discussion and revisit the possibility of an extension at the next LCC meeting.

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 he was able to get a couple of extended projects completed and is busy working with Adam on NRCS projects. Bunting stated he spoke with Mike Dreschmeir about the Dam. The review came back from the National office. He stated there would be a lot of added cost to the design work for the soil investigations, soil hydrology study etc. Bunting will follow up and see what the best cost effective option is - cost share vs. no cost share.

KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS (not present)

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth, Brandon Sieck

Troester read a report for Walroth, she had to leave the meeting. Working on CRP tree signups, and started meeting with landowners that have entered into the deer management assistant program.

UW Extension Carolyn Ihde

Ihde stated has talked to a couple of landowners about involving conservation into their project. She is working with a large work group interconnected with the Governor's task force on Climate Change. They are working on programming to help farmers and producers implement practices that help with climate change.

FSA – Bob Standorf

Standorf read a report from Emily Schildgen, FSA County Executive Director. The FSA office is open by appointment only. CFAP sign up ends August 28th, crop reporting deadline is August 14th, and PLC yield updates sign up ends September 30th.

Public Comment

Ellen Brooks, Crawford Stewardship Project stated she is happy to hear about the CAFO public forum.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Dull made the motion to adjourn at 11:09 a.m., second by Standorf. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel
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