

# **CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**

## **SOIL & WATER CONCERNS**

### **February 11, 2020**

Chairman Esser called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Dave Olson, Bob Standorf, Wade Dull and Kim Moret. Also present was County Board Chairman Tom Cornford.

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

#### **GREG CERVEN, WILDLIFE DAMAGE CLAIMS**

Cerven presented the 2019 Wildlife Damage Claims. Motion by Standorf, second by Dull to pay the Wildlife Damage Claims as presented; West Ridge Orchard – Gaylon O'Neal \$3,649.60, Chris Beachy \$ 10,000.00, Jeff Werthwein \$6,120.77 and Star Valley Flowers - John Zehrer \$10,000.00. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION**

The conservation poster contests was held, the poster winners received a gift certificate donated by Greeners. At the area contest, Crawford Co. had two posters that took 3<sup>rd</sup> place and two posters that took 1<sup>st</sup> place. The 1<sup>st</sup> place posters will be moving on to the state level. Continuing to sell trees, sold out of a few varieties. Wrapping up on Farmland Preservation, issued one notice of non-compliance. The Rolling Ground snowmobile trails opened up on Monday at noon. The CAFO study group has been finalized and will have its first meeting next week. DAWS will be meeting later this month to start planning the first round of water sampling that will take place in May. Troester was contacted by Paul Arentz from Driftless Now, he wants to have an interview tomorrow with Troester regarding the Land Conservation Department. There were 15 deer donated this year through the deer donation program. Eastman Locker cut and processed the meat. Gays Mills Food Pantry and Coulee Cap received 762 pounds of meat.

#### **Resolution for DAM Grant**

Troester read the proposed resolution for the DAM maintenance grant to the committee. Bunting received the estimate from Mike Dreschmeir for approximately \$19,600.00. Bunting gave a brief report on the cost estimate and repairs that are need at the DAM. Discussion took place regarding the repairs and the grant.

Motioned by Dull to approve the Resolution and to present it to the County Board at the upcoming meeting, second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Bunting stated the DAM design will be looked at by the new NRCS state engineer. Busy working on surveying and designs. All DAM designs are done but holding off on designs for rip-rap projects. There is a training coming up in late February for the new procedures on rip-rap designs. Getting a new NRCS link pass later this week.

#### **KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS**

Esser thanked Fritsche for nominating Troester & Bunting for an award. Fritsche stated the field office audit is done. There will be a new full-time soil conservationist hired before March and working out of the PDC office. February 28<sup>th</sup> is the sign up deadline for Equip, Cover Crops & CRP. The streambank practices are changing and none will be funded this year. NRCS is going through a new software deployment. Working with Ag Leader Corporate office to implement a contour guidance line system that will help generate a contour line off LIDAR. There was a meeting at the end of January on using small grains to reduce runoff, a lot of positive feedback. Fritsche stated she sent out the 313 standard to all of the members on the CAFO study group and recommended they all take a look at it and she would be glad to come to a meeting to explain it.

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

Walroth was not present; Troester read a brief report. The office remodel is complete but not completely functional. In January spoke with landowners via phone/email and closed out three expired grants for landowners. No field visits to landowners this month.

**UW Extension (not present)**

Hired an Ag Agent but waiting on the background check to clear. This will be a 50/50 share position with Richland Center.

**FSA**

Standorf stated Dennis Rooney was elected as the new FSA member, his first FSA meeting will be in March. Preventive Plant applications from last year are being reviewed and they will be following up with farmers. MFP 3<sup>rd</sup> installment payments will be going out soon.

**Public Comment**

Forest Janke, Crawford County Stewardship wanted to thank the members on the on the CAFO study group for volunteering their time. He was happy to serve as an advisory role and expressed his concern regarding Nikki Wagner being a member of the study group. Janke also stated he was happy with the progress being made on the DAWS water study.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Dull made the motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m., second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel  
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