

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**  
**SOIL & WATER CONCERNS**  
**March 14, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Esser at 10:00 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Dave Olson, Don Dudenbostel, Wade Dull and Harriet Behar. County Board Chairman Cornford was in attendance.

Motion by Behar to approve the minutes as mailed, second by Dudenbostel. Motion carried unanimously.

**COVER CROP PROJECT – Third Party**

Troester stated that last month it was decided to hire a contracted third party to do some of the work involved with the Cover Crop Project and a motion was made to contract with Jeff Osterhaus to do the work; however, since that meeting Jeff has accepted a new position and will be unable to do the work.

Adam Kramer, Certified Crop Advisor, was introduced and will be now be the contractor assisting with the Cover Crop Project.

Motion by Dull to enter into a contract with Adam Kramer to carry out the Cover Crop project for the LCD pending approval by Personnel Committee. Second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION**

A Cover Crop Champion meeting was held recognizing 3 producers with the goal of helping to enroll acres of cover crop in Vernon County. There will be three field days; the first to be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> at Swede Knutson's farm. Attended a La Riviera Park Board meeting at the PdC airport and decision was made not to relocate the old terminal building to the park due to complications and cost. The LCD employees sat in on a DATCP webinar on the SWRM Staffing grant, Land & Water Projects, Nutrient Management changes, etc. The annual Non Metallic Mining report was completed and check sent to DNR's for their portion of the payment. Working on the 2018 SWRM Staffing grant, Land & Water grant along with the DATCP end of year report that is associated with the grant. Wauzeka-Steuben School will have students coming in for a job shadow in March. Dave & Travis will be leaving tomorrow for the Annual WLWCA 3 day Conference in Elkhart Lake.

**Farmland Preservation Plan**

Dave Bonifas presented a draft plan for FPP to be reviewed before the next LCD meeting. LCC members are to contact the LCD office in the next 2 weeks if they see any changes that need to be made. A public hearing will need to be held soon, perhaps 4/18 prior to County Board, as 3 of the LCC will already be in the building. The plan will then need to be presented to County Board for approval in June. Bonifas indicated they have been having technical difficulties with the new mapping programs.

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

**MANURE STORAGE ORDINANCE**

Copies of the revised ordinance had been sent prior to the meeting for review. The revisions better clarify the Nutrient Management Plan annual review process.

Motion by Behar to accept the revised Manure Storage Ordinance as mailed with changes, second by Dudenbostel. Motion carried unanimously.

**LIVESTOCK SITING ORDINANCE**

Copies of the revised ordinance had been sent prior to the meeting for review. The revisions better clarify the Nutrient Management Plan annual review process.

Motion by Olson to accept the Livestock Siting Ordinance with changes, second by Dull. Motion carried unanimously.

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

Motion by Dudenbostel to accept the LCD Annual Report as presented, second by Dull. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Bunting stated he has spent the last month doing design work. The NRCS deadline is past so will be working on getting help to survey for Land & Water projects. Attending the WLWCA conference with Dave this week and next week the NRCS Tech Update. Will be attending a Waterway training and preparing the WPDES permit for spraying Japanese Hops this summer.

## **KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS**

Currently ranking applications for funding, completing information for Covers Crops and CRP burns are coming up.

## **Kobby Antwi, DNR (not present)**

Troester stated Antwi's last day of work for DNR will be March 31 in Crawford County. The plan, as he understands it, is to cut his position and hire 3 Managed Forest Law Foresters for a 4 county area and the forester in Boscobel will be for public contact and everything else. Crawford County MFL issues will be handled by one (or several) of the 3 MFL foresters, who may or may not even be located in the county.

## **VANCE HAUGEN, UW Extension (not present)**

## **JOHN BAIRD, FSA (not present)**

## **Public Comment**

Ellen Brooks was present from Crawford Stewardship. She indicated long time member Rob Howich, Gays Mills, passed away in February. CSP staff continues to carry forward the Karst Landscapes and Groundwater Susceptibility Survey for Crawford County. CSP is working with the Valley Stewardship Network of Viroqua and the national group Socially Responsible Ag Project to train citizen water quality monitors for the upcoming season. She thanked the LCD and the LCC for working on clarification of the farm review process and CSP would like to be a helpful partner in this process and hope that the committee and Dave will let them know how they best might fit in productive ways that will help protect the water in our county.

Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 11, 2017.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Harriet Behar  
Secretary

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