

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS
April 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Esser at 10:25 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Dave Olson, Wade Dull and Don Dudenbostel. Harriet Behar was excused.

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

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Troester stated he attended the annual WLWCA conference and it was probably the best one he has ever attended to date. Snowmobile Trails opened for a few days. Clubs are entering their line item expenses into the SNARS system for approval by our office for payment; then LCD will submit for reimbursement of state grant funds. The 2018-2019 Annual Snowmobile Grant is due Monday, April 16; however, clubs are still working on the GPS mapping that is required to be attached. A Tire Clean Up will be planned for some time in June. The final tree order was submitted for pick up on Wednesday, April 25 weather pending. Nutrient Management checklist mailing reminder went out to approximately 70 individuals and checklists are due by May 1st. Cover Crop Field Day in Vernon County is tomorrow. A burn permit has been issued for the dam so will be burned in the next few weeks. 2019 SWRM grant application was submitted yesterday to DATCP for staffing reimbursement, land & water projects & nutrient management planning. Working on getting the Cover Crop contract signed.

Discussion of a request for all Nutrient Management Plans; the LCD receives checklist yearly and not full plans or possibly a list of individuals with acreages only could be compiled.

Conservation Award winners were presented for discussion. All award winners will be contacted and the shop class at Prairie du Chien High School will build and engrave the back of benches before school gets out.

Motion by Dull to approve the **Soil & Water Stewardship Week Proclamation for 2018** (April 29 to May 6, 2018) encouraging clean water to be conserved and presented at County Board for signature, second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Esser to approve **LCD Annual Report** as presented, second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

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

TRAVIS BUNTING, LAND & WATER PROJECTS

Bunting indicated he is working with DNR on an issue. He has a couple of more permits to apply for and is planning for projects this spring; re-marking some projects.

KARYL FRITSCHKE, NRCS

Achenbach and Hegge represented NRCS and are working on the Honey Bee Initiative, EQIP Soil Health Initiative (Cover Crop) and MRBI funds. CSP sign up totaled 4,000 acres. Hegge distributed Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist and a copy of the Operational Agreement between Crawford County Wisconsin and the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service for signature. A Civil Rights review is completed every 5 years and they will be here May 14 – 18 and would like to interview a Land Conservation Committee board member and a farmer.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth & Chrissy Shaw

Walroth distributed a map of the conservation forestry award winner. Stated she has been working with landowners. A delay on delivery of trees for a week due to low orders.

UW Extension (not present)

Discussion by board members that the county will probably only receive a half time Ag Agent due to funding and will need to share with another county. It will be September or later before hiring process.

FSA (not present)

Public Comment

Kathy Byrne, Crawford Stewardship, distributed a map of sink holes in Crawford County. Also a ground water study has been discussed in southwest Wisconsin and agencies pooling their funding to work together.

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

Olson made the motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m., second by Dudenbostel. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Wolcott
Secretary

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