

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**  
**SOIL & WATER CONCERNS**  
**June 13, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Esser at 10:15 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.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENTS TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Troester gave the background information concerning the Comprehensive Plan and Farmland Preservation Plan. Proposed amendments to the Crawford County Comprehensive Plan are as follows:

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Appendices

Add: Appendix 5- Crawford County Farmland Preservation Plan.....A5-1

Implementation

Create paragraph heading: "Consistency with the Farmland Preservation Plan"

Add: "The Farmland Preservation Plan supersedes the Comprehensive Plan and any and all inconsistencies between the two shall be resolved in favor of the Farmland Preservation Plan. (See Appendix 5)".....9-1

Map 2.03 Crawford County Land Use Map

Map Legend

Add: "Where inconsistencies exist between this map and the Farmland Preservation Maps, the Farmland Preservation Maps shall supersede the Land Use Map.".....2-13

Troester asked for comments from the public. No comments; no phone calls or written comments were received. We hope to have the plan certified by DATCP and results back to present to County Board at the August meeting for approval.

Motion by Behar to approve the resolution amending the Comprehensive Plan for Crawford County, second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

**DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION**

Report

The Tire Collection was held last Saturday and Bunting indicated it was very busy for the first hour and a half and by noon was very slow; no numbers have been received. Troester indicated he has not been able to return comments to Crawford Stewardship regarding their concerns and Steve Oberle's initial review of the Roth Feeder Pig, Inc. CAFO and KD Partners Nutrient Management Programs. The department had training yesterday by Transcendent for the Farmland Preservation Program and Septic Maintenance Program and Permits. Still not sure of the exact process for entering the 8,000 (approximate) septic permits to get an inventory established for the septic system maintenance program as yet. Shedivy is preparing for testing for the POWTS exam.

**MASTER SWRM GRANT**

Troester presented a copy of the Master SWRM Grant for staffing reimbursements, land & water projects and SEG funds. DATCP has revised their yearly contract procedure with the counties; initially receiving a Master SWRM Grant and then each year amendments will be added to the grant, instead of a new contract, detailing the financial information awarded for that year.

Motion by Olson to sign the Master SWRM Grant contract with DATCP, designating the County Conservationist to sign for the committee, second by Behar. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Credit Card Request**

Troester indicated we have a need to order equipment, repair parts, etc. from various companies outside of the area and need to use a credit card; we have been using personal credit cards and therefore have to pay sales tax on these items, and in turn the individual needs to do a monthly expense sheet for reimbursement. The department is requesting to apply for a credit card with tax exempt status for these type of purchases.

Motion by Behar, second by Olson to approve the request for a credit card to be presented to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Conservation Awards**

The Conservation Awards presentation will be held at the Crawford County Fair on Thursday, August 24 at the big tent next to the barns at 6:00 p.m. Discussion and suggestions of potential award winners for each division was held.

### **Wolf Resolution**

The wolf resolution will be tabled until more information is received.

### **County Con Meeting**

Troester asked permission to attend the County Con Meeting at Wisconsin Rapids on July 13 and 14.

Motion by Olson to approve Troester attending the County Con Meeting on July 13 & 14 at Wisconsin Rapids, second by Behar. Motion carried unanimously.

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

### **Robert Bauer, Southwest Badger RC & D**

Bauer presented information on managed grazing. He informed the committee he works closely with NRCS on programs. He presented a folder with information on the Mentorship Program Tool Kit that is distributed to young farmers. He presented a "Grazing Stick" to the LCD and discussed the information labeled on the stick.

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

Bunting discussed the Barnyard Training he attended in Vernon County that was put on by DATCP in the past month. Completing a couple of ongoing projects. The new stapler gun has already been rented to contractors for use and is very helpful.

### **Revised CREP Update**

Bunting presented information from Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative on the new electrical service for Mike Kelly at 49957 County Road C as well as the right-of-way easement for underground rural electric line that Kelly is requesting. The underground wire will be installed with a vibratory plow 36 to 42" deep; will bore the creek and stay approximately 25 feet away from the creek banks. The Cover Crop in his Conservation Plan will stay the same.

Motion by Olson to approve the Mike Kelly CREP updated Conservation Plan with the placement of right-of-way easement for underground rural electric line from Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative, second by Behar. Motion carried unanimously.

### **KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS**

Helping Adam with the Cover Crop project and hope to have completed for June 22 bid; June 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline and working on contracts, and HEL compliance checks.

### **DNR FORESTER (not present)**

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

**JOHN BAIRD, FSA**

Very busy with crop reports and is short on staff. Ashley Olson from Viroqua is helping with CRP and the only CRP available is continuous CRP. Baird indicated he may be retiring August 3.

**Brandon Bleuer, Southwest Badger Stewardship Forester**

Bleuer will be out of the office for a period of time due to personal reasons.

**Public Comment**

Ellen Brooks represented Crawford Stewardship and indicated they were awarded a grant of \$3,800 from Save the Hills Alliance to complete the Karst Landscapes and Groundwater Susceptibility Survey of Crawford County. On Saturday, July 15 a Karst Geology Exploration will be held in Prairie du Chien beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the PdC City Hall and all are invited to attend.

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

Behar made the motion to adjourn at 11:20 a.m., second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harriet Behar  
Secretary

DT:HB:cjw