

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

SOIL & WATER CONCERNS

September 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Esser at 9:45 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Dave Olson, Don Dudenbostel, Harriet Behar and Wade Dull.

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

DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION

Conservation Awards presentation was held at the Crawford County Fair and we had a great turn out. We had an informational booth at the county fair. Ron Kucko, Tech Teacher at Prairie du Chien High School, has offered to build the award benches as well as engrave them for us as soon as they are able to get access to their equipment and room, due to the remodeling being done at the school.

Clean Sweep is scheduled for Friday, October 27 and donations from townships and villages are being received. Requested any recommendations for 2018 Tree Sale and what varieties should be offered. Youth Conservation Day is scheduled for next Thursday, September 21 (with a rain date of September 28) and the LCD is very busy getting preparations and details set up for the day. Information on the upcoming Conservation Poster and Speaking Contest has been received and this year the contest theme is "Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home".

Cover Crops were flown on last week. We had planned and mapped 2,860.5 acres and they applied 2,861.96 acres.

The Farmland Preservation Program Plan is officially wrapped up. We are gathering information for the request for reimbursement from DATCP.

We only had one individual show any interest in the SEG Funding for Nutrient Management Planning in 2017. Dave will continue to seek out interested parties. We can transfer funds to a county that needs them if we don't have any more individuals come forward; that way we don't take a reduction in future funds for not spending the money we had available in 2017.

On September 5th the DNR Water Management engineer out of LaCrosse did a safety inspection of the dam; Troester shared the report he received. Overall, things were in very good shape.

Last month Troester distributed information sheets on the CAFO Moratorium and a fact sheet distributed through the Sustain Rural Wisconsin Network and its concerns of how the state is dealing with these problems; allowing violations or notice of noncompliance for high nitrate levels not being issued, little oversight, etc. Forest Jahnke, Crawford Stewardship, discussed the concerns. The committee felt it needed to be rewritten and eliminate the word "moratorium" and just use a resolution to urge the state to improve its oversight, and then to bring the resolution back to the October meeting.

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

Finishing up a major rip rap project on County S and a second rip rap project is going on. Been working on a couple of dam sites and a barnyard project. Finished spraying for Japanese Hops. Will start surveying and getting projects in order for next year.

KARYL FRITSCH, NRCS(not present)

Troester read an email Karyl had sent.

DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth

Walroth stated she had attended a Deer Advisor Committee meeting, visited a half a dozen land owner sights and is getting acquainted with Crawford County. Mike Finley, Supervisor for 5 counties, introduced himself and stated he needs to get more staff hired and in place to help meet the needs of all the counties.

One more position is vacant and when that is filled the individual will be in Boscobel and serving Crawford County also.

Joe Schmaedick will be covering Crawford County for MFL lands. He is currently out of Richland Center but will be moving to Boscobel.

VANCE HAUGEN, UW Extension (not present)

FSA (not present).

Public Comment

Forest Jahnke indicated they are very concerned with a provision that was slipped into the budget concerning local regulation of nonmetallic mining for water quality, etc. and feels it may be passed quickly along with the budget.

Next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 10.**

Behar made the motion to adjourn at 10:40 a.m., second by Dudenbostel. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harriet Behar
Administrative Assistant

DT:cjw