

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION, PLANNING & ZONING  
DEPARTMENT  
SOIL & WATER CONCERNS  
November 14, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Esser at 10:04 a.m. Esser verified the posting of the agenda. Members present for roll call were Henry Esser, Don Dudenbostel, Wade Dull and Harriet Behar. Excused was David Olson. Also present was County Board Chairman Tom Cornford.

Dull made the motion to approve the minutes as mailed, second by Dudenbostel. Motion carried unanimously.

**Outstanding Tree Farmer Recognition, Christine Walroth**

Christine Walroth, DNR Forester presented a plaque to Gerald Guarnaccio for Crawford County Outstanding Tree Farmer of the year.

**DAVE TROESTER, LAND CONSERVATION, PLANNING & ZONING CONSERVATIONIST**

Troester and Bunting helped the NRCS staff with Midwest Regional Collegiate Soils Contest that was held in the Prairie du Chien area. Students from UW Stevens Point, UW Platteville, Purdue, and Illinois participated in the event. Nagel attended the conservation employee training in Madison. Troester also assisted the NRCS staff with an outdoor education event for the Wauzeka-Steuben School held at Badger Camp last month. He shared some Thank You letters that he received from the students. Ed Ruff with Southwest Tech is offering a Nutrient Management Plan class every Thursday in the Veteran's meeting room.

Troester indicated that Clean Sweep was a success. He distributed Clean Sweep collection totals sheet that compared the 2018 collection with previous years. Townships delivered their items on Thursday afternoon and over 270 vehicles participated during the day event. Troester thanked everyone who helped with the event. Discussion was held regarding bulbs, pricing and what is the best way to handle bulbs from small businesses.

Motion by Dull to approve the purchase of a Compass Guidance Kit (GPS Unit & Monitor) to be used by staff to more efficiently lay out contours strips, second by Dudenbostel. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Bills were presented. Behar 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 finishing up on construction season and is working on some grazing projects. All rip-rap projects have been paid and there were a lot of rip-rap projects getting done towards the end of the year due to the weather. Starting a manure storage closure next week to use up some of the extended funds. Highway Department tried to clean up some of the Dam but not all clean-up was able to be completed due to the wet ground conditions and will have to be addressed next year. The spray equipment was winterized last week and the Highway Department is repairing the sprayer. Trying to get some surveying done but some land owners do not want it done at this time due to hunting season. The truck is going into the shop for repairs, as there is an antifreeze leak. There will be a couple of projects extended into next year.

**KARYL FRITSCHÉ, NRCS**

Fritsche thanked the committee for the support on the Contour Kit. She also wanted to commend Bunting and Adam for building 19 dams this summer more than any other county in the state for what they are doing for soil erosion control structures. NRCS is hiring a full-time grazing specialist/soil conservationist and will have six full-time employees. They are currently processing EQUIP applications, still no farm bill so they are working on a special waiver from headquarters. They are on target to get through all of the 2018 applications. Fritsche stated they are making cover crop payments.

**DNR FORESTER, Christine Walroth**

Walroth stated she continues to meet with Crawford County land owners and going over their cost-share projects. A class of foresters was hired and there will be some private lands forestry help in the Southern part of Crawford County starting this week.

**UW EXTENSION - NOT PRESENT**

Dull indicated that they will be sharing an Ag Agent with Richland County starting in January.

**FSA –**

Dudenbostel stated fall reporting has been eliminated.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Forest Jahnke, Crawford Stewardship discussed results of the Water Quality Monitoring of Streams they have been conducting. Data will be emailed to Troester.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Nagel  
Administrative Assistant

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