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Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Land Conservation and Resource Management Committee

Date of Meeting: Thursday, October 13, 2016

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The regular meeting of the Land Conservation and Resource Management Committee (LCRMC) was called order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Nettie Rosenow. Roll call showed that Don Hillert, David Danzinger, and Scott Smith were present. Hank Weisenbeck was excused.

Others present for all or part of the meeting: Carrie Olson, County Conservationist

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the September 15, 2016 minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Danzinger. All in favor. Carried.

Public Comments regarding posted agenda items No public comments.

Agency Reports Written reports were presented from Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Surveyors Office, and GIS/Land Information Office. The NRCS report was written by acting District Conservationist, Dennis Reimers, who is the interim replacement replacing Todd Mau after September 2nd retirement until a selection has been made for permanent District Conservationist. The Surveyors report written by Joe Nelson, included the status of the remonumentation project of the Towns of Waumandee and Glencoe and described efforts needed to complete the project. The GIS Report showed that parcel mapping effort is currently at 86.54% complete.

Cost-Share Programs Approvals Ms. Olson presented a project report of completed construction cost-share projects for review. A Grade Stabilization Dam was constructed at the Lonnie Ruff property on Hickory Lane for a cost-share of \$15,158.88. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to pay the cost-share bill as presented. Mr. Hillert seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Approve Bluff Prairie Restoration Cost-Share Bills through CapX Funds Bluff Prairie restoration completed through CapX2020 funds took place at Gracie Hohman property. Requesting approval to pay invoice for 2.8 acres of bluff prairie restoration of \$5,600.00 total, with \$2,990.00 allocated from County CapX funding and the remainder from the US Fish and Wildlife Service Partners Program. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to approve the bills as presented Mr. Smith seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Approve PL-566 Dam Structure Flood Repair Bid Ms. Olson requested approval to accept a bid from Reglin & Hesch Construction Inc. for work to remove large woody debris accumulated during the August rain event around dam trash racks at two County-owned PL-566 Dams (Alma Mill #1 and Garden Valley #10). Bid estimate is within PL-566 budget. Mr. Hillert made a motion to accept the bid. Mr. Smith seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Purchase of GPS Hardware/Software Ms. Olson explained that the GIS Department has planned on purchasing GPS survey equipment for all County Departments to be able to utilize. Request to spend remaining non-metallic mining reclamation dollars from 2016 budget towards GIS hardware and/or software, including a Windows Tablet. Discussion was held. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to spend the

remaining non-metallic mining reclamation budget towards a GPS unit, including a tablet for data collection. Mr. Hillert seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Funding Options for Cost-Share Flood Damaged Conservation Structures Discussion was held on potential options to fund grade stabilization dam structures that were damaged due to overtopping or sediment accumulating behind the dams from the August 2016 rain event. The committee agreed to a cost-sharing program for landowners, provided funds were made available from the county. The program would include a \$3,000 deductible (landowner responsibility) per structure. Cost-sharing would be made available at 50% of the remaining cost for each structure repair.

Buffalo County Manure Storage Ordinance Review The existing Buffalo County Manure Storage Ordinance, adopted in 2007, was reviewed. A discussion was held on definitions and regulations, including stacking, storage, and livestock siting. After discussion, there was not support for livestock siting. The committee was in support of rewriting the manure storage ordinance to update regulations and clarify definitions. Public input will be included through the re-write process.

County Conservationists Report Ms. Olson reported that the conservation construction season is starting to wrap up; numerous successful projects were installed this construction season. Staff organized and participated in Conservation Talks and a Conservation Tour for the Alma 5th graders. Ms. Olson handed out copies of the Natural Resource Intern, Anthony Opatz', Final Report. Ms. Olson invited committee members to a cover crop tour on Tuesday, November 8th of three local sites that were funded in part through a DATCP Producer-Led Watershed Grant.

Chairperson Report Chair Rosenow suggested paperless options for the agenda packets.

Public Comments Not Relating to the Agenda None given.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 14 at 4:00 p.m.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Olson
County Conservationist