

**CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

Soil & Water Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Koch at 9:12 a.m.

Members present for roll call were Owen DuCharme, Mary Kuhn, Kate Krachey, and Russ Gillitzer. Members of the community were also present.

Motion by Kuhn, second by Krachey to approve February 10, 2026, minutes as mailed. Motion carried unanimously. Gillitzer abstained.

Land Conservation Report, Dave Troester: Troester shared details with the committee of the Soil and Water Conference he and Bunting attended last week in the WI Dells. Troester added that DAWS has been a big workload recently and shared details for collection and reporting. Troester continued by updating the committee on the E-waste Collection on April 17 from 10-2 on the St Feriole Island.

Troester shared that Mark Cup is recruiting nominees from Crawford County for the Lower WI State River Board. You must live in Bridgeport, Wauzeka, Marietta townships, or in a village in the riverway.

There was a discussion on revising county ordinance language in regard to the makeup of the Land Conservation Committee. Troester stated the state statute was updated December 2025. A discussion on committee members was held. Motion by DuCharme, second Kuhn, to approve the recommendation to remove language pertaining to the county FSA Committee member as presented.

There was a discussion on convening the Large Livestock Study Committee and moving ahead with MRRPC on updating the county Comprehensive Plan.

County comprehensive plan: Troester stated the WI Dept of Admin confirmed the due date of August 2027. There was a discussion on the \$29,750 proposal for a 12 – 14-month process. Koch stated it will need to be added to the budget and presented to the Finance Committee.

Motion by Kuhn, second by Gillitzer to approve Troester getting the process started. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion on Data Centers was held and will be added to the April agenda for further information after Troester is able to speak to Grant County. Joe Childs stated the companies have approached elected officials to sign non-disclosure agreement, which prohibits them from speaking to the public regarding the Data Centers. Childs advised the committee to educate our elected officials to not sign the non-disclosure agreements.

Motion by DuCharme, second by Gillitzer to approve vouchers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Land & Water Projects, Travis Bunting: Bunting reported to the committee that he was in the field yesterday; adding there is substantial erosion out there right now due to the recent rain. Bunting added mobile treatment facilities, to track where a farmer is applying manure annually. More mobile equals more effective. Bunting added he is getting things ready for construction season.

Public Comment: Ellen Brooks stated she attended the Potosi meeting and is glad to hear the committee has added the topic of data centers to the next meeting.

Forest Jahnke: Thanked the committee for working proactively on data centers. Jahnke continued by updating the committee on DAWS information stating more funding was available and we have a more concerted effort which contributed to increased interest/ participation. Jahnke added reports will be shared with the Committee as well as the public.

Steve Achenbach stated manure is a resource not a nuisance and wanted the committee to be aware of that.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

Motion by Krachey, second by DuCharme to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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