

January 31, 2022

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District's 78th Annual Meeting was held at 8:30 a.m., on January 27, 2022, in the Community building of the Clark County 4-H Fairgrounds; eight persons were in attendance.

An election was held for the board of supervisors' position currently held by Sam Hagest; Sam was nominated by the election committee in December as a candidate. Peg Wright asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations were heard, and nominations were closed. Peg asked for a show of hands for those in favor of Sam Hagest, and for those opposed. Six were in favor, zero opposed, and two abstained. Peg administered the Oath of Office to Sam; Sam signed the Oath.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:40 a.m., immediately following the Annual Meeting, for their regular monthly board meeting. Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coats, Loren Christman, Peg Wright, Kelly Adams, Tami Kruer, Laura Fribley, and Melanie Davis.

Sam asked for additions or corrections to the December minutes. Loren moved to approve the minutes as written; Kelly seconded, and the motion carried.

Sam asked for questions on the Financial Report. Melanie noted that she had included a report on drill income since 2018 for review. Peg moved to approve the financial report as written; Dana seconded, and the motion carried.

Old Business

Grant updates:

319 14 Mile Creek – No further word on the additional grant funds. Supervisors were favorable for asking for a year extension on the grant if the funds are not distributed soon.

CWI 2021 – Kendall Hostettler's application was presented for approval.

IN American 2021 – Charlestown has treated the tree stumps with herbicide and will be grinding them up soon so that the redesign of the medians can move forward.

Melanie stated that CCHIRP will be meeting February 7th to plan this year's activities. A call-out meeting may be held at the end of February to try to boost membership.

A copy of the revised 2022 budget has not been received to date.

Sam and Loren reported on their experience at the 2022 Annual Conference. Both felt the conference was conducted well, but noted that attendance was lower than in past years.

Laura Fribley distributed print copies of a survey that ISDA is requesting supervisor feedback on concerning training content and delivery methods. Supervisors completed the surveys. She noted that a DSS had been hired for the Northern section of the state.

No other old business.

New Business

The Annual Financial Report (AFR) was reviewed. With no changes requested to the report, Loren moved to submit the report as written; Peg seconded, and motion carried.

The following District policies/resolutions were reviewed: Salary Resolution, Materiality Policy, Disbursements Policy, Travel Policy, Purchasing Meals for Activities Policy, and Credit Card Resolution. Loren moved to keep all policies/resolutions as they currently read, with the exception of Travel, where the meal allowance shall be changed to \$80 per day. Kelly seconded the motion, and motion carried.

The Districts' depository for 2022 was considered. Dana moved to keep the depository as New Washington State Bank. Loren seconded, and motion carried.

Tami stated that there is currently \$3,200 available from the Community Foundation endowment to award a scholarship. She has the scholarship application prepared to distribute, with a deadline to submit of March 1, 2022. Senior high school, and current college students in the natural resources field are eligible to submit; checks are sent directly from the Foundation to the awardee's school. Discussion was held as to whether to award one scholarship for a larger amount, or two for smaller amounts. Peg moved to award one scholarship of \$3,000; Dana seconded, and motion carried.

Nathan Lind gave a NRCS agency update via phone. He stated that 3,500 additional persons will be hired in the agency in 2022. Part of this hiring effort will be the placement of a DC in each FO in the state. He felt that Jennifer Kipper would be assigned to the Scott County FO, and Clark County would get a new DC; decision on that will probably occur in the next few months.

No other new business.

Staff Reports

Jennifer Kipper submitted a written report.

Tami Kruer did not have a report.

Melanie Davis submitted a written report.

David Trotter was not present for a report.

Lynn Miller was not present for a report.

Mike Johnson was not present for a report.

Laura Fribley submitted a written report.

Correspondence/Announcements:

None.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.