

May 5, 2022

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Loren Christman, Kelly Adams, David Trotter, Tami Kruer, and Melanie Davis.

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

Sam asked for questions on the Financial Report. Loren moved to approve the report; Dana seconded, and the motion carried.

Old Business

Grant updates:

319 14 Mile Creek – the amendment for extension of the grant until 3/31/2023 was received in the office this week. Melanie signed and forwarded it back to IDEM; IDEM has signed also.

CCHIRP will be participating in the 5/24/22 native plant workshop, and garden planting at the disc golf course at Lapping Park. No meetings are being held currently.

No other old business.

New Business

4-H Fair was discussed. Melanie stated that Silly Safaris is scheduled for Wednesday, 7/20, and Take Flight Raptors for Tuesday. Raptor Rehab of KY's "Meet a Bald Eagle" program is currently scheduled for Monday, 7/19, however, they only have one volunteer that works with the eagle; they have no backup if something happens at the last minute. Tami stated that she worked with Debbie Trotter, Farm Bureau, and was able to order materials related to Farm Bureau's book of the year "My Family's Soybean Farm," in order to create a display on soybeans for the fair. A free drawing will be held during the fair so that kids may win a copy of the book. Farm Bureau representatives may join us in our exhibit area since the vendor space on the fairgrounds has been converted for draft horse use. Sam will try to bring soybean samples to use with the display. Staff noted that they will not be opening the inside of the exhibit building for visitors to pass through. All displays will be outside. Katie has said she will list SWCD events in the flyer Extension distributes.

Staff stated that the on-till drill had to be repaired after the last person used it. Two press wheels were missing. With the spare wheel and assembly in the office, and parts he had at home, Mike was able to replace the missing wheels, and get the drill in working order. Mike assisted Tami in ordering extra wheels and assembly parts from Shoup to have on hand for future use, and they have already arrived in the office. Options for purchasing a new drill were discussed.

David suggested raising the cost-share rate for producers in Fourteen Mile Creek from 60 to 75%. He felt this would increase the likelihood of producers installing practices, and would expedite spending the funds since we are working in a shortened timeframe now. He anticipates a deadline of January 31st for producers to submit final paperwork in order to get payments applied for, and end of grant reporting completed. IDEM has stated they will be more flexible as far as the in-person workshops and such originally set forth in our grant application. Loren moved to increase the cost-share amount to 75%. Kelly seconded, and motion carried.

Cleaning of the service center building was discussed.

Viewing of the "Preventing Workplace and Sexual Harassment" video training was moved to next meeting as all supervisors were not present.

Per Jennifer, her position in Clark County has been advertised. She anticipated about two months for the position to be filled, and the person to start working.

No other new business.

Staff Reports

Jennifer Kipper submitted a written report.

Tami Kruer submitted a written report.

Melanie Davis submitted a written report.

David Trotter submitted a written report.

Lynn Miller was not present for a report.

Mike Johnson was not present for a report.

Correspondence/Announcements:

None.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.