

April 6, 2015

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Loren Christman, Carolyn Clark, Luanne Stahly, Tami Kruer, Laura Fribley, Jennifer Kipper, Mike Johnson, and Melanie Davis.

Sam asked for additions or corrections to the February minutes. Dana moved to approve the minutes as written. Loren seconded and motion carried.

The Financial Report was reviewed. Loren moved to approve the report; Luanne seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant updates:

319 14 Mile Creek – The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for 4/13/15 at 2 p.m. The management plan is progressing. Spring newsletter has been sent out. Sylvia has completed water testing for February and March and entered those results in Hoosier Riverwatch database. Staff will contact Terry Stephenson, HHH director, requesting more timely notifications of meetings to all Steering Committee members.

CWI 2015 – Program has been advertised with a few inquiries.

Right to Farm/Partnership with Farm Bureau: No new information.

State Board of Accounts completed its' audit of the District's financial records. Sam, Tami, and Melanie met with the auditors to discuss the findings. A final written report will be sent to the District when completed.

Options for obtaining a business credit card through New Washington State Bank were discussed. One option offers merchandise rewards and has an APR of 11.99%; the other has no rewards but a lower APR of 10.99%. Carolyn moved to make application for the lower interest card. Luanne seconded and motion carried.

Staff noted that due to a mistake in shipping by the nursery, the District has 9 Silver Maple trees and 1 Sycamore left from the spring tree sale. Melanie has advertised the trees for sale.

No other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Loren moved to maintain New Washington State Bank as the District's depository. Dana seconded and motion carried.

Carolyn moved to maintain Sam Hagest as District Chairman, and Dana Coots as Vice-Chairman, for 2015. Luanne seconded and motion carried.

Samples of travel policies were reviewed. Loren moved to adopt the travel policy set forth by Dubois County SWCD with the following changes: Tips for meals will be allowed at no greater than 15%; the statement regarding using the District vehicle for travel will be removed; the statement regarding mandatory sharing of hotel rooms while traveling will be changed to "may be shared". Luanne seconded the motion and motion passed.

Tami and Bryan Wallace met with River Ridge Development Authority recently and discussed River Ridge's plans to establish walking trails and other amenities, and to plant trees on their property. They purchased 100 trees for planting from the District's spring sale and plan to order at least that many more at a time from future sales.

The 4H fair guests have been scheduled: Monday night, Larry Elliott and his wife from Louisville will be on hand as Abe and Mary Todd Lincoln, visiting with folks and having pictures taken; Tuesday night is Year of the Farmer – Agriculture night. Chef Nancy will be demonstrating farm fresh recipes on the grill. Farmers Market members from Jeffersonville and New Albany have been invited to sell their products; Bear Paws Chainsaw Carving will be doing wood carvings on Wednesday night; and on Thursday, Take Flight! will present a raptor program, and Tunnel Mill reenactors will, hopefully, be present. No activities are planned for Friday. Luanne offered to pick up fish from the supplier in Birdseye if needed.

4H has requested sponsorship of the Soil and Water Conservation trophies for the 2015 fair. Loren moved to sponsor the trophies, and Luanne seconded. Motion carried.

Laura Fribley, ISDA District Support Specialist, highlighted items in the written report she distributed. There will be a Chair/Vice-Chair Meeting, 8/25/15, at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. If the Chair/Vice-Chair cannot attend then another representative from the District may attend. Keep tillage transects in mind for this spring and fall.

Mike Johnson, ISDA Resource Specialist, stated that interviews have been conducted for the RS positions in the Southwest and Southeast, and those vacancies should be filled by summer.

No other New Business.

STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, presented a written report of her activities. She also noted that Scott County has a new office person, Linda Jackson.

Tami Kruer, Executive Director/Education Coordinator, gave a brief report of her activities.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, gave a brief report of her activities.

Lynn Miller, Urban Resources Technician, was not present for a report.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Melanie Davis, Secretary