

April 4, 2019

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coats, Carolyn Clark, Loren Christman, Luanne Stahly, Jennifer Kipper, Tami Kruer, and Melanie Davis.

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

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

#### Old Business

Grant updates: 319 14 Mile Creek – the first Steering Committee meeting has been held. The project sponsored a clean-up at Charlestown State Park and the Farm Bureau Used Oil Collection Day. CWI 2018 & 2017– No updates.

4-H Fair – Rhino Shield has been contacted. They will call the office the 1<sup>st</sup> of May to schedule a day to coat the shelter and butterfly house roofs. Luanne stated that Scott is aware of repairs that may need to be made; he will inspect the shelter before May. Guests are scheduled. Pond maintenance was completed by Sounds of Water last Friday; pond is operating. The butterflies have not been ordered.

Business Plan – Tami presented a draft form of the 2019-2024 SWCD business plan. She encouraged supervisors to review it, note any changes they would like to make, and bring those to the next board meeting for discussion.

Performance appraisals – Sam stated that he compiled the responses he received from board members into one document, and then came in last week and did appraisals with Tami and Melanie. He thanked everyone for their input.

Board meeting time was discussed. Carolyn moved to move the meeting time to 8:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Luanne seconded, and motion carried.

#### New Business

Tami distributed copies of the draft Clark County Comprehensive Plan. There are statements related to protecting agricultural land and working with County Extension. The SWCD business plan currently states that the district will support the development of a comprehensive plan.

Melanie presented information on Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMAs) formation. There are a few new/established CISMAs in Indiana, with several others in various stages of

development. It was decided to invite Dawn Slack of SICIM, or another representative, to our May board meeting to gather more information.

Tami stated that she had been asked to sit on the newly formed Clark County Recycling Advisory Council. The goal of the Council is to get more citizen participation in the recycling program by increasing educational efforts. Expanding recycling hours to include Saturdays has been considered. There has been a problem with the new, larger recycling containers due to their resemblance to garbage cans. Garbage is often thrown in them, which contaminates the recycled items, and renders them useless for recycling. Loren suggested a video on how the recycled items are handled after they are picked up.

One application for the Marvin Wright Conservation Scholarship was received from Kathryn Gertin, Borden, IN. She graduated from high school in 2017, and is currently attending Oakland City University, seeking a degree in Environmental Biology. Loren moved to accept the recommendation of the scholarship committee to award the scholarship to Kathryn. Carolyn seconded, and motion carried.

Melanie stated that she had been researching purchasing a soil health tunnel. The tunnel available from NRCS has been reserved for the fair, however, NRCS currently does not have funds available to ship it. Supervisors asked Jennifer to inquire on the cost of shipping. Melanie corresponded with a SWCD in Texas, and another in Ohio, who both have purchased tunnels. She spoke with the company that produced the Texas district tunnel, and was quoted \$3,495 for the tunnel, and \$150-\$190 to ship it. They have a standard graphic design for it, but it can be customized with soil info for your state/region. Melanie compiled the information she gathered, and has asked Laura Fribley to send it out to other SWCDs in the area to see if there is interest in partnering to apply for a CWI grant to purchase a tunnel. CWI 2020 applications are due in September.

#### Staff Reports

Jennifer Kipper submitted a written report of her activities and highlighted some of those. She noted that she will be at the May board meeting since the time has been moved.

Tami Kruer submitted a written report.

Melanie Davis submitted a written report of her activities.

David Trotter submitted a written report of his activities and included a copy of the project brochure.

Lynn Miller was not present for a report.

Mike Johnson was not present for a report.

Correspondence/Announcements: None.

Agenda items for Next/Future Meetings: None.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Melanie Davis.*