

August 5, 2013

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, August 1, 2013, at 9:40 a.m.

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Grant updates: 319 Silver Creek – Received cost-share payments on two Dan Cristiani projects, and one for Dan Zook. Submitted Invoice #36 to IDEM. *CWI 2013* – No activity in Clark County to date. A news release was sent to local papers advertising funds available, and information was distributed at the 4H Fair. *319 Fourteen Mile Creek/Goose Creek* – No official notification yet. *CWI 2014* – Draft guidance for these grants was received this week, same emphasis as last round – watershed based, multi-county applications. Applications will be due 10/1/13.

Business plan information was not prepared. Review postponed until next month.

Two applications have been received for the Marvin Wright Conservation Scholarship. Tami stated that both candidates were equally worthy of receiving a scholarship, and both are past recipients. With approximately \$1,900 in the fund available, she suggested awarding both applicants a scholarship. Luanne moved to grant both applicants a \$750 scholarship; Dana seconded and motion carried. The remainder of available funds will roll over to next year; approximately \$1,100 will be available for granting then.

Tami introduced Lynn Miller, who has offered to do construction site plan reviews and on-site inspections on a contract basis with the District. Supervisors discussed with Lynn the requirements and logistics of doing the work. Hourly rate for Lynn's services will be \$30/hour; mileage at County rate of 44 cents/mile. Carolyn moved to hire Lynn under written agreement through the end of the year with a start date as soon as possible. Luanne seconded and motion carried.

4H fair was discussed. Consensus was that activities were successful. Recommendations for getting fish for the fish tank next year included purchasing fish, and having a fishing contest for the biggest fish caught by local fishermen.

Budget session for the District will be Tuesday, 8/13, from 4-4:15 p.m. Loren, Luanne, Tami, and possibly Dana and Sam will attend.

Laura Fribley reported that information on 2014 CWI grants will be forthcoming soon. Sediment and nutrient reduction is again the focus. The application guidance will be voted on at the SSCB meeting on 9/10. SSCB will also be deciding at that meeting whether training grants will be available just for supervisors or if staff will be included. Pilot projects resulting from the 2016 and Beyond Task Force Report are in the works.

No other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Clean Water Indiana partnering possibility would be Harrison, Floyd, Crawford, or Washington counties. Hosting a cover crop workshop to fulfill the requirements of the 2013 CWI grant, and the Indiana Family of Farmers grant was discussed. Jeff Lytle's farm was suggested as a possible location to tour and view cover crops. A cover crop test plot is required for CWI. Extension has offered the use of part of their raised beds to plant the crops. Date for the workshop to be decided later.

Dana stated that he had replaced the jack on the old drill. It is slightly shorter than the original. Sam offered to weld an extension onto the jack so that a block would not be needed to set under the jack. Staff will provide a report of the number of acres drilled this year, and repair costs for next meeting.

No other New Business.

STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, presented a written report and highlighted some items from it.
Tami Krueger, Executive Director/Education Coordinator, presented a written report.
Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, presented a written report.
David Trotter, Watershed Technician, presented a written report.

CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Summer Summit, August 27th. Sam and Dana are registered.
Green 'in southern Indiana raingarden workshop is scheduled for 10/22nd and 23rd.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Melanie Davis, Secretary