

August 11, 2014

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, August 7, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Grant updates:

319 Silver Creek – Received payment on Invoices #61 and 62; Invoice #63 submitted to IDEM.

Received comments from Kathleen Hagan on draft final report.

319 14 Mile Creek – Stream sweep scheduled for 8/9/14 with First Christian Church, Jeffersonville, 9 a.m.-Noon. Oak Park Conservancy District is no longer assisting with the project due to Jay Thompson and Bryan Wallace leaving their employment. Oak Park was to do the E.coli testing for the grant, therefore, Jay has agreed to approach the City of Jeff to see if they will do the testing.

We're awaiting an answer. Submitted Invoice #3 to IDEM.

CWI 2013 – No updates.

Indiana American Water 2014 – A letter introducing our contest and a contest application was sent out to area elementary schools at the end of July. Northhaven Elementary was the first to respond. Deadline to enter the contest is August 31, 2014.

All applicants for the March2Recovery funds have accepted the \$1,000 offered by the District. All seemed happy to be receiving the funds. A few had minor questions, but no complaints.

4H Fair was discussed. Consensus was that activities were successful. Staff will inquire about getting the SWCD area schedule listed in the fair book next year.

The SWCD Chair & Vice-Chair Summer Summit will be 8/26/14, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at the Garrison Restaurant, Indianapolis. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Melanie will register Sam and Dana. Carolyn and Luanne have been registered for the Leadership Institute on 9/5-6/14 in French Lick.

Payment was received for the 2014 IASWCD Contribution Agreement in the amount of \$1, 884.30. Payment will be made to Lynn Miller for inspecting the eleven practices; remainder to be kept by the District for administrative costs.

Loren and Dana recapped the farm tour they took as part of the Soil Health Forum in Indianapolis last month.

No other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget hearings are the week of 8/18. The District's time before the council will be Tuesday, 8/19, at 5:30 p.m. Staff will compile a packet of information that will include a partners and acronyms list, a 2013 leveraging sheet, and 2013 accomplishments. A copy will be sent to supervisors attending the hearing.

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Jennifer stated that she had been contacted by Orange County regarding possible sites to conduct the area soil judging contest to be held on 9/30/14. There will be 8-10 counties competing; approximately 150 kids, and 10 teachers expected to attend. Dana has agreed to host the judging at his farm. The contest will last from 8:30 a.m. – approximately 3 p.m. Jennifer asked the District to consider sponsoring the contest and contribute to the cost of renting a port-a-pot and backhoe. Carolyn moved to sponsor the contest; Loren seconded and motion carried.

A raingarden workshop, sponsored by the Green 'iN Alliance and the ICP, will be held 9/20/14 at the Jefferson County SWCD office. It will be another hands-on workshop where participants plant the garden. Rusty Schmidt is the speaker. It was suggested that the City of Madison be contacted to sponsor the workshop as they are an MS4.

A civil rights review was conducted on the Clark County field office by NRCS national this week. Reviews were also done at 15 other field offices throughout the state. Carolyn represented the SWCD board and was interviewed; Sam represented landowners.

The local workgroup meeting was scheduled for 9/4/14 at 6:30 p.m., preceding the SWCD regular monthly meeting. Resource concerns for 2015 will be ranked.

Discussion of the EPA/Corp of Engineers proposal of what constitutes public waters was discussed.

No other New Business.

STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, referred supervisors to her written report for her activities and upcoming schedule.

Tami Kruer, Executive Director/Education Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities.

David Trotter, Watershed Technician, presented a written report of his activities, along with an article on cover crops, and information on the oil collection event that the watershed projects and

Farm Bureau are sponsoring. Final paperwork and bills on Silver Creek projects need to be submitted by 9/19/14 to receive payment from the grant.

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

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a retirement party for Ed Roll, ISDA Resource Specialist, on August 20 at the Scott County SWCD office from 12-4 p.m.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Melanie Davis, Secretary