

December 4, 2014

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, December 4, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Luanne Stahly, Tami Kruer, Mike Johnson, Lynn Miller, Jennifer Kipper, and Melanie Davis.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Grant updates:

319 Silver Creek – All invoices have been paid. Checks have been distributed to cost share participants.

319 14 Mile Creek – A public meeting was held prior to the board meeting 12/4/14 in order to get input for the management plan from landowners, and to possibly gain some Steering Committee members. Tami gave a presentation to explain what a watershed and nonpoint source pollution are, and to explain the aspects of the grant and planning process. Chelsea Tooley distributed two surveys to gather stakeholder concerns. Questions were taken. A Steering Committee meeting will be held in January. Luanne volunteered to assist Sylvia with water sampling.

CWI 2015 – Jackson, Jefferson, Scott, and Clark County staff, NRCS, and ISDA met 12/2/14 to discuss details of the grant project. The application, ranking sheet, and brochure from the previous CWI grant are going to be updated for this project. The grant begins in January. The District received a CWI training scholarship to cover the cost of registering all five supervisors for Annual Conference. Melanie registered all by the December 1 deadline.

Supervisors agreed to keep the ticket price for the Annual Meeting meal at \$10 per person, and to solicit sponsorship from New Washington State Bank and Farm Credit Services for the balance of the meal cost. Melanie will advise Sam and Dana of last year's sponsorship amounts before they contact the sponsors this year. The Green Banner has not responded to date with a cost for printing the Annual Report. Supervisors suggested getting District Supporters to purchase ads in the publication if the cost rises significantly from last year.

Carolyn and Luanne will be unable to attend Annual Conference; staff may go in their places. Deadline for hotel reservations for Annual Conference is 12/20/14. Melanie will make four room reservations. Delegates will be Sam and Dana.

The outstanding invoice for drill rental was paid in full yesterday. Drills will be stored in the aisle way of the Indoor Arena once all the boats are in. Supervisors will determine if maintenance is needed before spring planting.

The Plan of Work for the Business Plan was reviewed. Staff will contact Farm Bureau to see if they have an interest in partnering on a committee to investigate local regulations that protect the right to farm and own animals.

No other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be a Region Meeting, Wednesday, 12/10/14, 6 p.m., at the Scott County SWCD office. RSVP by 12/8; pizza will be served. Sam and Dana plan to attend; Luanne will advise.

Mike reported that the cover crop transect for Perry County was completed yesterday, and that out of 220 points, less than 5% were seeded in cover crops. This could be attributed to late planting dates leaving many crops still to be harvested. Transect for Clark County is scheduled for 12/18, and follows the same route as the tillage transect.

No other New Business.

STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, presented a written report of her activities, and highlighted some items: she is now required to issue a receipt for service when a producer or landowner requests a USDA benefit or service; and some clients will be participating as Early Adopters in the Client Gateway web-based tool for landowners before it is launched in January.

Tami Kruer, Executive Director/Education Coordinator, did not have a report.

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

Lynn Miller, Urban Resources Technician, reported that plan reviews for River Ridge have slowed down, and that he is starting to see more for subdivisions now. He spoke with Brian Dixon regarding the Waters of Milan project, and it seems to be improving. NOIs have been submitted for the Jeffersonville Police Station, Allison Brook, and Big Four Station. The SWCD's relationship with the City of Jeffersonville is improving since Bryan Wallace was hired there. Lynn has not been able to find out who IDEM's landfill inspector is to date; he will continue to research.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Melanie Davis, Secretary