

December 5, 2016

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 5 p.m. Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Carolyn Clark, Loren Christman, Luanne Stahly, Tami Kruer, Jennifer Kipper, Laura Fribley, and Melanie Davis.

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

Sam asked for questions on the Financial Report. Loren moved to approve the report; Dana seconded and the motion carried.

#### Old Business

Sealing the new exhibit building was discussed. Tami left a message with Soloman and with Guy Guernsey, but has not heard back from either of them. If they do not respond soon, Sam will contact Sandy Popp to see if he is available to do the job. Supervisors suggested putting plywood over part of the ceiling when the shelving is installed.

Annual Meeting: At Your Service Catering was selected last meeting as caterer, and ticket price was set at \$12 with request to be made to New Washington State Bank to sponsor the meal with a \$300 donation. Complementary tickets will be provided to Council, Commissioners, NW State Bank, Dan Cristiani, and Sheryl Scharf. The principal at Prosser will be contacted to speak on the programs they offer. Melanie distributed a list of door prizes donated last year. Tami stated that she has requested a quote for printing the Annual Report from the Green Banner, but has not received a response to date. Dana moved that the Green Banner quote be accepted if it is no more than 10% above last year's cost. Loren seconded and motion carried. Tami will request that the report be included in the Washington County edition.

Annual Conference: Date is 1/22-1/24/16. It was noted that this is the same week as the District's Annual Meeting. Sam, Dana, and Loren will attend.

The Region Meeting will be December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30 p.m., at the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds. All supervisors are registered. Luanne and Carolyn asked that their reservations be canceled due to conflicts.

#### New Business

Tami advised that one of the District's Outback Guidance Systems needs repair. A cord needs replaced, and one of the pins is loose in a fitting. Sam will discuss Mike to see the most feasible repair option.

The Clark County 4-H Corporation board has agreed to pay ½ the cost of an informational sign to be installed next to the Bison-ennial bison; they presented a check for \$75 to Melanie last week. Melanie asked the board's approval to pay the other ½. Carolyn moved that the District pay \$75 for the remaining ½ of the cost; Luanne seconded and motion carried.

No other New Business.

#### Staff Reports

Jennifer Kipper presented a written report of her activities, and highlighted items concerning HEL/wetland determinations, and CSP.

Tami Kruer stated that she was currently preparing for the QPI training to be given the next day. The land trust has been working with two individuals in Harrison County that have prospective easements. One individual is also considering donating money from his estate as he has no heirs. Tami noted that Extension has scheduled tiling and painting work to be done during work hours in mid-December. Work is to be completed over a 5-day period. Customers will enter the building through FSA during that time. Melanie Davis presented a written report of her activities.

Lynn Miller was not present.

Laura Fribley encouraged the board to review and update the District business plan during the winter months when things are slower. She stated that ISDA recently surveyed districts as to whether they felt having DSSs attend board meetings was helpful; only 50% felt it was. Supervisors stated that they were glad to have Laura at meetings, and felt she always supplied useful information and feedback.

Loren asked the status of the Fourteen Mile watershed plan – still no word; landfill inspection has yet to be completed with the District invited.

#### Correspondence/Announcements

None

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Davis