

December 5, 2019

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Those present were Sam Hagest, Loren Christman, Dana Coots, Peg Wright, Amil Kleinert, Tami Kruer, and Melanie Davis.

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

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

Old Business

Grant updates: 319 14 Mile Creek – David prepared a written report detailing grant activity.

CWI 2018 – Funds are almost completely expended.

CWI 2017 – Final report submitted.

CWI 2020 – The District's application was not funded.

Annual Meeting: Peg moved to accept the Election Committee's recommendation of Kelly Adams for the elected supervisor position currently held by Amil; vacated by Carolyn. Amil seconded, and motion carried. Ticket price for the meal was discussed. Amil moved to set the price at \$12 per person. Dana seconded, and motion carried. Dana will contact New Washington State Bank regarding sponsoring the difference in the District's cost for the meal (\$13.50/person, \$50 travel fee) and the ticket cost. It was suggested to ask for \$200 sponsorship to cover the difference and travel fee.

CISMA: Melanie reported that several people canceled prior to the start of last night's meeting. Kaila did not want to proceed with developing a mission statement with so few people on hand, and the decision was made to cancel the meeting, and reschedule for January. However, several people trickled in after the fact. Kaila answered their questions, and information on CISMAs was given to them. Melanie will attempt to get cell phone numbers in order to send a text if unforeseen circumstances arise, and possibly prevent folks from making a wasted trip.

Annual Conference: Melanie has registered Sam, Dana, and Loren, and reserved rooms. Amil and Peg will not be attending. Sam and Dana will serve as Delegates at the business meeting.

Copy Machine: M&M Office Products was able to meet Commonwealth's quote on a new copy machine. M&M's bid of \$4,177.00 includes the graduated per copy cost offered by Commonwealth, and maintenance on the copier. Dana moved to accept M&M's bid and purchase the copier. Loren seconded, and motion carried. Supervisors will inquire of organizations or businesses that may want the old machine.

No other old business.

New Business

A.C.R.E.S. Fest: Tami and Melanie met with Debbie Trotter this week to further plan the May 16, 2020, event. A.C.R.E.S. is an acronym for: Agriculture, Conservation, Resources, Environment, Soil. There will be speakers scheduled for 15 minute sessions each at 10:30, 11:30, and 12:30, giving attendees the opportunity to hear several sessions. It is hoped to get sponsorship to cover some of the event costs; Farmers Appreciation Committee, Duke Energy, and Indiana American are possible sponsors. Cattlemen will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. Event will last from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

MS4/IDEM Update: Tami reported that the recent QPI training resulted in 26 more individuals certified. She described issues that have arisen over the last few months involving communications between IDEM representative, and the City of Jeff and the SWCD; communications seemed to have deteriorated. The town of Utica has hired an engineering firm to review their plans. Tami has asked them to please forward a courtesy copy to her. Sam noted that there are still many issues with the upkeep of the landfill.

Staff Reports

Jennifer Kipper was not present, but submitted a written report.

Tami Kruer submitted a written report of her activities.

Melanie Davis submitted a written report of her activities.

David Trotter submitted a written report of his activities.

Lynn Miller was not present for a report.

Mike Johnson was not present for a report.

Correspondence/Announcements:

None.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.