

January 31, 2014

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

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Grant updates: 319 Silver Creek – Received funds for cost-share reimbursement on Chad Fordyce, Jeff Lytle Farms, Dallas Lowery, and Loren Christman. David will be delivering those checks next week. 319 14 Mile Creek – Work on the QAPP is progressing. Melanie anticipates submitting it for approval within the next week. Corresponded with Chelsea regarding the first Steering Committee meeting, and a kickoff meeting for the project. Melanie, Sylvia and Mike traveled the watershed recently to determine sites for water sampling. A couple were inaccessible due to snow; Sylvia and Mike will be visiting those on Friday. The flowmeter for water sampling arrived. Melanie is working on the first Progress Report which is due 1/31/14. CWI 2013 – Only two of Clark County's applicants submitted paperwork to be paid, and Jefferson County sent those checks out in December.

Last minute preparations for Annual Meeting were discussed.

Tami presented the Contribution Agreement with IASWCD to complete status reviews, for Sam's signature.

Supervisors considered and discussed raising Lynn Miller's hourly pay to \$35. Loren moved to raise the hourly rate to \$35; Carolyn seconded and motion carried. Staff will prepare an annual contract with the new rate.

March 6th was selected as the day to finish work on the SWCD Business Plan. Melanie will contact Laura Fribley for availability for either that morning at 9 a.m. or that evening at 6:30 p.m.

Melanie will contact Ecotech about tree planting projects.

March 2 Recovery has environmental grant dollars that it would like to distribute to tornado victims for tree planting projects. Dave Hynes asked if the SWCD would be willing to assist with getting those funds distributed. Washington County SWCD has agreed to assist. Tami contacted Washington County but has not heard back from them on how they are assisting.

No other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Melanie presented copies of the 2013 Annual Financial Report for review. The report is due to the State Board of Accounts by March 1, and to ISDA by March 31st.

Tami distributed copies of the latest statement from the Community Foundation for the SWCD endowment. She noted that the statement reflects two \$1,000 payments to the scholarship recipients; the scholarship amount should have been \$750 per recipient. Upon contacting the Community Foundation, she found they based the payment on their meeting with Tami and Sam a few weeks ago, from which the Community Foundation understood \$1,000 scholarships were desired. Tami confirmed with them that they did receive her request form for two \$750 scholarships. Tami was told that in order to fix the mistake, the SWCD would have to contact the recipients and request \$250 be returned. Carolyn moved to approve \$1,000 scholarships for the 2013 recipients; Dana seconded and motion carried. Supervisors felt that recipients should be made aware of the source of the scholarship money, so that any thank you's are be directed to the Wright family.

Staff asked for permission to attend the Women in Agriculture Conference, February 19-10, 2014, at the Sheraton Riverside Hotel, Jeffersonville. Luanne and Carolyn also expressed interest in attending. Loren moved to pay for four attendees to the Conference; Dana seconded and motion carried.

Tami received an email from EnviroLabs in Madison, IN, regarding their Enviro Test Kits for water testing. They are looking to establish 500 distributors statewide by 2015. Enviro Labs furnishes sample kits at your location for the public to pick up. They take the kit home, get a sample of their water, and send it to Enviro Labs for testing and results. Distributors receive a 5% return (commission) on any kit that is returned to Enviro Labs for sampling. It was suggested that if we participate in the program, that our commission could be deposited in the District's endowment fund. Tami will set up a meeting with Enviro Labs to get more information on the program.

No other New Business.

STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, noted that signups for programs continues; funding is pending passage of the Farm Bill. She has an upcoming Toolkit training, and will be attending a Grazing Conference in Odon next week. Scott County's Annual Meeting will be next Thursday evening. She will also be attending the Women in Agriculture Conference.

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, gave a brief report of his activities. He will have a display at the Annual Meeting tonight with information on the cost-share funds available in the grant.

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

CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Melanie Davis, Secretary