

January 31, 2019

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 8:45 a.m. Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Carolyn Clark, Loren Christman, Luann Stahly, Jennifer Kipper, Tami Kruer, and Melanie Davis.

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

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

Old Business

Grant updates: 319 14 Mile Creek – Fully signed contract has been received. David has been notified that he received the Watershed Coordinator position; he will start work in February. The Watershed Coordinator position announcement was distributed. In addition to what is set forth in the announcement, it was decided that work hours should be stated as “flexible hours per week; up to 80 hours a month”; a performance evaluation will be completed; and David will report to Tami. Jennifer stated that NRCS has an extra computer available for David’s use; there will be some paperwork to fill out. Tami plans to meet with David next week. CWI 2018 – Two applications were signed.

Annual Meeting – Everything is prepared. Set up following board meeting.

Supervisors commented on their experience at Annual Conference. Luann proposed having a public meeting on invasive species and CISMAs, and invite folks such as County officials, and garden centers, along with State representatives Chris Garten and Rita Fleming.

New Business

Depository – Loren moved to maintain New Washington State Bank as the District’s depository. Dana seconded and motion carried.

Annual Financial Report – Melanie distributed copies of the AFR with notes to explain line items. Line items were discussed. AFR is due to SBOA by March 1, 2019; to ISDA by March 31. Carolyn requested a report of tree sale profits for the March meeting.

Internal Controls – the Annual Checklist was reviewed. Melanie noted that annual evaluations have not been completed in the past year. In addition, the District’s 5-year business plan is expired. Carolyn

noted that the credit card policy should probably be signed by the current board members. The travel policy needs to be updated to reflect the current County mileage rate of .38 cents/mile. Loren moved to update the Travel Policy to read .38 cents/mile instead of .44 cents/mile. Dana seconded and motion carried.

Leadership in Change, Leadership Institute, is upcoming in Logansport, IN, on February. March 1 will be a Leadership Institute Plus session in Atlanta, IN. Impacting Community, December 6, in Madison, IN, is the only other LI scheduled this year. It was determined that LI Communications is the session some supervisors and staff are missing to complete the series and graduate.

Tami stated that the County is working on a 20-year Comprehensive Plan. There will be a meeting on Monday, February 11, 5-7 p.m., in the County courthouse to answer questions and receive feedback on the draft vision.

Carolyn stated that it was not too early to begin preparations for the 4-H fair. She recommended purchasing butterflies for the butterfly house from Idlewild in Louisville, even though they are more expensive. She also suggested scheduling speakers now. Melanie has Silly Safaris and Take Flight Raptors scheduled. She was unable to schedule the WAVE Foundation as they will not come on premises where other animals are being kept. Carolyn and Luanne suggested getting the soil tunnel exhibit from the Indiana State Fair Pathway to use during our fair. Luanne asked if tags for obtained for the trees. Melanie stated that they have been.

Luanne stated that repairs to the roof of the shelter house are needed before the Rhino Shield is applied this spring. She will ask a couple of people she knows if they would be able to do the work. Tami stated that the City of Jeffersonville has asked the District to increase the number of site inspections done for them. Lynn thinks this could add another ½ day to his time. Lynn and Tami plan to meet with the City to confirm the number of additional inspections and discuss details with them. The Town of Sellersburg has hired a new MS4 Coordinator.

Building lease was briefly discussed. No further word on the progress of the lease.

Loren stated that we should partner with the Prosser FFA chapter on something, as well as the new Clarksville Park.

It was questioned whether IASWCD held liability insurance on SWCD activities. The liability insurance mentioned in their Annual Report refers to coverage of supervisors.

Staff Reports

Jennifer Kipper stated that she will have information on civil rights at the next meeting. There is a grazing workshop in Odon on March 6. She will be on leave the last week of March. She attended the recent Soil Health Workshop.

Tami Kruer did not have a report.

Melanie Davis submitted a written report of her 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 10:30 a.m. *Respectfully submitted, Melanie Davis.*