

January 8, 2015

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2015, at 9 a.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Loren Christman, Carolyn Clark, Luanne Stahly, Tami Krueer, Mike Johnson, Lynn Miller, Jennifer Kipper, and Melanie Davis.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Grant updates:

319 14 Mile Creek – Public meeting held on 12/4/14 was successful. Chelsea has tentatively set the next Steering Committee meeting for 1/26/15, 5:30 p.m., at the SWCD office.

CWI 2015 –The grant began as of January 1, 2015. Advertisement of the program will start at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting plans were discussed. Farm Credit is considering sponsoring a portion of the speaker's fee; Sam will contact them Monday for their decision. New Washington State Bank is sponsoring a portion of the meal cost. The Green Banner has agreed to print the Annual Report at the same price as last year. Articles for the report are due to the Banner by Monday. Tami is working on those. Last year's door prize list was reviewed. Melanie will prepare a letter for supervisors to take with them when asking for prizes. The caterer's chicken cordon bleu and meatloaf menu was selected for the meal. Special salad will be substituted for crunchy salad, and assorted cakes and pies will be the desserts. Staff will ask if leftovers can be retained by the SWCD. Exit 0 will be contacted for pickup if so. February board meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on the 29th with setup to follow.

Sam, Dana, and Loren will be attending Annual Conference. Melanie will cancel Carolyn and Luanne's room reservations. Melanie distributed Legislative Talking Points.

Melanie spoke with David Trotter regarding Farm Bureau's interest in local regulations that affect the right to farm and own animals. He advised that Farm Bureau does have an interest, and would be willing to partner with the SWCD to investigate those regulations. Supervisors suggested distributing information at the Annual Meeting on the topic, and also having a public meeting to have

someone speak about it. Staff will get in touch with David to see if Farm Bureau has a committee already formed, or if there are state/local persons in Farm Bureau that could speak on this topic.

Melanie distributed a summary of the acre count on each of the drills for 2012, 2013, and 2014. It was decided that the old drill should be used specifically for pasture seeding due to its' condition. Supervisors will do a maintenance check on both drills before planting season starts.

No other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

The next Leadership Institute workshop will be Communications and will be held in Wabash, IN, February 13th and 14th.

The District received notification from the Community Foundation that the Lilly Endowment has provided the Foundation with a \$2 million grant to match donations made to existing endowment funds or to create new endowment funds. The match would be \$1 for every \$2 contributed to a nonprofit's endowment. Information on the District's endowment will be distributed at Annual Meeting.

Mark Johnson has stated that he will mow the Exhibit Area this year for \$599, the same price as last year. Loren moved to renew the contract with Mark; Luanne seconded and motion carried.

Brief discussion of the new \$40 parcel fee on land tracts was held.

Luanne suggested contacting Nathan Logsdon of the Tunnel Mill Re-enactors to get them scheduled for this year's fair. Melanie will do so.

No other New Business.

STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, presented a written report of her activities, and highlighted some items.

Tami Kruer, Executive Director/Education Coordinator, gave a brief report of her activities.

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

Lynn Miller, Urban Resources Technician, gave a brief report of his activities. He noted that he had not been in touch with Ronnie Boehmn yet about the landfill inspection, but planned to do so soon. He has not been able to find out who IDEM's landfill inspector is to date.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SE Region Meeting, Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at the Jennings County Education Center.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Melanie Davis, Secretary