

January 8, 2018

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Carolyn Clark, Loren Christman, Luanne Stahly, Tami Kruer, Mike Johnson, Jennifer Kipper, and Melanie Davis.

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

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

Old Business

Annual Meeting: Menu items for the meal were selected – fried chicken, roast beef, green beans, corn, mashed potatoes, mac & cheese, signature salad, dessert variety, lemonade, tea, and coffee. Coffee is an additional 50 cents per person onto the \$12.50 per person meal cost. Dana will contact New Washington State Bank about sponsoring the difference between meal cost (\$13) and ticket cost (\$11) for up to 100 people. He noted that the bank normally asks for time on the meeting agenda when they sponsor. The door prize list from last year was distributed; Melanie will need to furnish letters for some of the donors. Melanie noted that both the New Washington and Prosser FFA sponsors responded with the activities their students had participated in this past year. It was decided to provide tickets for the sponsor and 4 students to attend the meeting; others can attend but will need to pay for their tickets. Each chapter will be allowed a few minutes on the agenda to talk about their activities. Set up for Annual Meeting will be 1/25 @ 8:30 a.m.; February board meeting will follow. Tami stated that printing cost for the Annual Report was raised just \$10 from last year to \$550.

Annual Conference: Melanie distributed hotel renovation and parking information. Sam, Loren, and Dana will attend.

CWI 2018 grant: Melanie, Mike, and Jennifer, met with Vicki Wehner and Tim Schwipps at the Jefferson County SWCD this week, and worked on the application, brochure, and other details of the 2018 grant. Vicki will be creating the needed documents and distributing them for review. Advertisement will begin with Annual Meetings. CWI 2015: This grant ended 12/31/17; Vicki is preparing the final report. CWI 2017: Melanie submitted the six month report. 14 Mile Creek: No further word.

Melanie noted that the District received a free ticket for one attendee for the Soil Health Workshop to be held in Salem on 1/30/18.

No other Old Business.

New Business

The District Travel Policy was reviewed. Loren moved to raise the motel/hotel room allowance to the current Federal rate of \$119.00 per day, and to decrease the mileage rate to the current County rate of 38 cents/mile. Carolyn seconded, and motion carried.

Tami stated that she and Lynn Miller will be meeting with the Town of Sellersburg next Thursday due to a new policy Sellersburg initiated in which any development over 5 acres is reviewed by Stantec for environmental impact. The District has not been receiving these plans as it should, therefore Tami and Lynn wanted to discuss this with Sellersburg, and determine a submittal process that leaves all parties aware of any new construction. Tami and Lynn will also be working with Clark County (Brian Dixon and the Drainage Board) to establish who directs the District when additional inspections are needed on a construction site. Status of a few current active construction sites was discussed.

No other New Business.

Staff Reports

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, submitted a written report of her activities, highlighting some of them. She noted that Jane Hardisty retired 1/3/18. Jill Reinhart, Assistant State Conservationist, will serve as Acting State Conservationist until May 7th; Jerry Roach will follow her term if the position has not been filled by that date. Jennifer met with Mike Cox, and the MFCD Board, on 12/13/17 regarding Muddy Fork Structure 4, and NRCS's plans to move forward with more evaluation as it relates to design.

Tami Kruer, Executive Director, submitted a written report of her activities.

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

Lynn Miller, Urban Specialist, was not present.

Mike Johnson, ISDA Resource Specialist, did not have a report.

Correspondence/Announcements

None.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Davis