

January 7, 2020

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. Those present were Sam Hagest, Loren Christman, Dana Coots, Amil Kleinert, Jennifer Kipper, David Trotter, Tami Kruer, and Melanie Davis.

Sam asked for additions or corrections to the December minutes. Loren moved to approve the minutes as written; Dana 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

Grant updates: 319 14 Mile Creek – David reported that one application was transferred from CWI 2018 to Fourteen Mile Creek. Approximately \$97,000 of the \$105,190 available cost share funds is committed to projects. The District, however, still has a commitment to educate the public on water quality, so the remaining two years of the grant will focus on that.

CWI – No updates.

Annual Meeting: Melanie stated that she had sent letters out to sponsors requesting their support for 2020. Supervisors agreed to send County Council members and Commissioners one free ticket to attend the meeting; recent attendance by them has been low. Melanie will contact the Prosser FFA director to invite the FFA club officers to attend the meeting and give a brief presentation of their activities for the last year; District will provide tickets for up to 5 students. Menu for the meal will remain the same as last year. Door prize list from last year was distributed. Staff and supervisors will meet at 8:30 a.m. on 1/30 to set up for the meeting; February board meeting to follow in the Service Center conference room. Tami stated that Nicholson's has agreed to print the Annual Report as they did last year in newsletter format. Cost is estimated to be \$2 per copy for 200 copies.

Annual Conference: Melanie stated that she had sent invitations to Clark County legislators for the Legislative Breakfast. Rita Fleming has advised that she will attend. IASWCD will also be hand delivering invitations and information to the legislators before the conference.

No other old business.

New Business

Melanie distributed copies of the District's various policies a checklist related to Internal Controls. She asked that supervisors review them before the next meeting. The policies need to be reviewed and signed annually to comply with Internal Control standards; items on the checklist need to be reviewed for adherence to procedures.

Loren moved to maintain New Washington State Bank as the District's depository in 2020. Dana seconded and motion carried.

Melanie reported that Laura Fribley sent out an email stating that audit costs around the state were ranging from \$300 to over \$2,000 for Districts. Clark County's was \$618 for an online audit; Scott County's was over \$1,000 for one done in-person.

No other new business.

Staff Reports

Jennifer Kipper submitted a written report, and highlighted that there is currently no application funding cutoff date set for EQIP funding for FY 2020. Signup for general CRP runs through 2/28/20, and folks interested should contact Stephanie at Scottsburg FSA for eligibility; new continuous signup is in progress; expiring continuous can occur 6 months prior to expiration.

Tami Kruer reported that the SWAC wants to host a meeting on the 4-H fairgrounds in March; construction in waterways will likely be the topic. Tami and Lynn plan to reach out to the new Charlestown mayor regarding stormwater control in the city once she is established in her office. Charlestown is set for the next MS4 permitting period.

Melanie Davis submitted a written report of her activities.

David Trotter reported earlier in the meeting on 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 9:30 a.m.