

July 10, 2013

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, at 10:45 a.m.

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

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

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

Grant updates: 319 Silver Creek – the request for extension of the grant was approved. The end date for the grant is now 10/17/14. *CWI 2013* – No activity in Clark County to date. *319 Fourteen Mile Creek/Goose Creek* – IDEM has informally advised that we are receiving a grant, but no official notification yet. *Indiana Family of Farmers* – Approved funds for the purchase of soil probes for the proposed project.

Melanie will revise the business plan with the changes from the last planning session and send copies to supervisors for review before next meeting.

Soil sampling supplies are available in the office now. Melanie has submitted news releases to advertise the service, but nothing has been published in the papers to date.

Only one application has been received for the Marvin Wright Conservation Scholarship. Supervisors agreed to extend the application deadline to 7/31/13.

Sam Hagest and Dallas Lowery are Clark County's River Friendly Farmers for 2013. IASWCD has already forwarded information to them on RFF day at the State Fair.

Three applications for the Urban Conservation Specialist were received. Tami stated that one of the applicants, Amanda Fuller, was better qualified for the 14 Mile Creek Watershed Coordinator position. Supervisors agreed that she should be contacted when that position opens. The two other applicants did not have the experience needed for the Urban position. Tami stated that Lynn Miller is willing to review plans and do site inspections on contract. Loren moved to pursue a written agreement with Lynn stating a per hour fee and/or mileage, starting as soon as possible and working on an as-needed basis. Carolyn seconded the motion; motion carried. Tami will contact Lynn to see if he can attend the Board's August 1st meeting. Tami spoke with Kevin Feder and he is agreeable to conducting the QPI training if Clark County assists with the administrative tasks.

The exhibit area was cleaned and prepared for fair. Dana will work Monday night; Loren, Tuesday; Luanne, Wednesday; and Carolyn, Thursday.

Melanie stated that the ICP has become involved in scheduling raingarden workshops throughout the state for partnership staff. The workshops will be scheduled during the week of 10/21-25/13. Rusty Schmidt will be the presenter. Clark County's workshop will be 10/22-23.

No other Old Business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The SWCD Summer Summit for Chairs and Vice-Chairs will be August 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Garrison Restaurant and Conference Center, Indianapolis. Deadline to register is August 9<sup>th</sup>. Sam will attend; Melanie will check with Dana.

IASWCD Annual Conference Date is January 6-8, 2014.

The Washington County SWCD is pursuing an IDEM 319 grant for the South Fork Blue River watershed. They have asked for a letter of support from Clark County for the project. They would like to have letters returned to them by 8/1/13, with type of support indicated. Supervisors agreed to send a letter supporting the project with in-kind assistance.

County budget hearings will be held 8/13, 12-6 p.m., and 8/15, 12-5 p.m.; 15 minute sessions. Tami will contact try to schedule a session on 8/13 as early as possible. Supervisors will review the 2014 budget at the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Mike Johnson announced that Jordan Sieger is the new Director of the ISDA, Division of Soil Conservation.

No other New Business.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, was not present for a report.

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

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, gave a brief report of her activities.

David Trotter, Watershed Technician, gave a brief report of his activities.

#### CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

#### CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 12 p.m.

Melanie Davis, Secretary