

July 2, 2015

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, July 2, 2015, at 10:15 a.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Loren Christman, Carolyn Clark, Luanne Stahly, Tami Kruer, Jennifer Kipper, 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. Discussion of whether to provide hitch pins to those renting the drill followed. Carolyn moved to remove the bolts currently in the hitches and let customers provide their own pins; Luanne seconded and motion carried. Old drill was repaired this week after an axle broke last week.

Sam asked for questions on the Financial Report. Carolyn moved to approve the report; Loren seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant updates:

319 14 Mile Creek – Steering Committee meeting on 6/25 was canceled because Chelsea had another commitment. Chelsea has advised that IDEM has not returned comments on her last submittal, so there is input from the Steering Committee needed until that is done. Sylvia has completed water testing for June, and E.coli sampling for the year.

CWI 2015 – No further word on when the cover crop workshop will be scheduled.

Clean-up of the exhibit area was completed prior to the board meeting. Activities scheduled for each night of the week were discussed. Carolyn suggested contacting Ray Witherhold to bring a display on Forestry & Wildlife Night. He is very knowledgeable about bluebirds and monarch butterflies. Supervisor work schedule for the fair will be: Monday – Luanne; Tuesday – Loren; Wednesday – Sam; and Thursday – Carolyn. Melanie will check with Dana to see what night he can attend, and also if he will be able to store the no-till drills at his house during the fair. Carolyn moved to give Tom a gift card for the assistance he has provided to the District in preparing for the fair. Luanne seconded and motion carried.

Tami has sent the information on the scholarship applicants to the Community Foundation and they are processing.

Luanne advised Melanie that she had cashed the check that appears not to have cleared the bank. Melanie will contact the bank regarding it.

No other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Leaders from the Indiana Conservation Partnership have announced that they are endeavoring to visit each District in the state by the end of 2016. No schedule has been set to date.

A copy of the IASWCD Farm Bureau Insurance Policy was recently distributed to Districts due a change of agent; copy provided to supervisors.

Melanie reminded supervisors of the August 25th Supervisor Summit to be held in Danville, IN, and the “Impacting Community” Leadership Institute workshop to be held 8/28 & 29 in Rensselaer.

No other New Business.

STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, presented a written report of her activities, highlighting a few of the items contained in it: Meeting with staff, Simon (Extension), and Bryan Wallace to discuss assisting Family Ark with some projects; pasture walk at Cristiani’s farm tentative 7/28; presentation to Master Gardeners on pollinators tentative 8/4.

Tami Kruer, Executive Director/Education Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities. She noted that Bryan Wallace will be leaving the City of Jeff as Stormwater Coordinator; no word at this time of his replacement.

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

Lynn Miller, Urban Resources Technician, was not present for a report.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Melanie Davis, Secretary