

June 7, 2013

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, June 6, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Loren Christman, Carolyn Clark, Tami Kruer, Jennifer Kipper, David Trotter, Mike Johnson, and Melanie Davis.

Sam asked for additions or corrections to the May minutes. Loren moved to approve the minutes as written. Dana 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 Steering Committee will meet 6/13 at 4:30 p.m. Kathleen Hagan will arrive at 3 p.m. for a site visit. Asking IDEM for an extension of the grant was discussed; supervisors are in favor of doing so. *CWI 2013* – No activity in Clark County to date. *319 Fourteen Mile Creek/Goose Creek* – No word on awards. *Indiana American Water Company* – Reading Rain Gardens were not funded. Indiana Family of Farmers – Melanie submitted a proposal to host a Soil Health and Cover Crop Workshop. Awards will be announced by July 12, 2013.

Funds have not yet been transferred into a savings and a CD as discussed at last meeting. Sam and Tami are signatories and have authority to do the transfers.

Tami submitted the 2014 Budget request to the Auditor's Office. She increased Personnel Services by a percentage; other line items she kept at the 2013 request levels. She noted that the \$750 rumored to have been taken out of the SWCD budget, was actually taken out of the Soil & Water line item in the Commissioner's budget.

The next business planning session will take place either June 19th or 26th dependent on Laura Fribley's schedule. Morning is preferred time.

The vacant Urban Conservation Specialist position was discussed. Carolyn moved to advertise the position as part-time with a July 5th deadline for applications. Staff will update the job description to reflect part-time, and send information to local papers and online job resources.

No other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Melanie presented information from A & L Laboratories regarding their mail-in soil testing services. Homeowner and agricultural testing is offered. Jennings County currently uses A & L. Jennings does a weekly mailing of samples to A & L, and absorbs the postage cost. Customers are charged the actual cost of

the test; no mark-up. After discussion, it was decided to offer the S10 and S11 testing packages to homeowner's and forego the agricultural testing. The charge will be cost of test plus a \$2 administrative fee, which staff may adjust if postage proves to be costly.

Schedule for 4H fair has been set. Calls need to be made to local fishermen in advance to have a better chance of getting fish for the tank. The tank will be ready July 12. July 10 will be work day to clean up the exhibit area; board meeting will follow.

Deadline for Marvin Wright scholarship applications is July 2. Amount is \$1,000. Tami will have applications for review at the July 10th meeting. Supervisors would like to have a sign made advertising the scholarship that could be displayed during the 4H fair. Staff felt they could have one done at low cost.

Nominations for 2013 River Friendly Farmer award were discussed. It was decided to nominate Sam Haged and one other person whom the staff will recommend.

Melanie presented a request from the Woodland Steward magazine for the District to contribute towards printing costs of the magazine. Carolyn moved to contribute \$150; Loren seconded and motion carried.

The SWCD Summer Summit for Chairs and Vice-Chairs will be August 27th, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Garrison Restaurant and Conference Center, Indianapolis. Deadline to register is August 9th.

Loren gave brief comments on some of the business plans from other counties he had been reviewing. He encouraged the other supervisors to review them also before the next planning meeting. He also encouraged everyone to read the Task Force report.

No other New Business.

STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, presented a written report of her activities and commented on some of those. Local workgroup meeting was set for August 1, 8:30 a.m.

Tami Kruer, Executive Director/Education Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities.

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

David Trotter, Watershed Technician, presented a written report of his activities.

CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Melanie Davis, Secretary