

June 6, 2014

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, June 5, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were Loren Christman, LuAnne Stahly, Carolyn Clark, Dana Coots, Tami Kruer, David Trotter, and Melanie Davis.

Dana asked for additions or corrections to the May minutes. Carolyn moved to approve the minutes as written. Luanne seconded and motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Grant updates:

319 Silver Creek –Melanie sent a draft of the final report to Kathleen Hagan, project manager, for review. Kathleen has not responded with comments yet.

319 14 Mile Creek – A nutrient management/pond management workshop will be held June 14, 9 a.m.-Noon, at Pat Larr's farm in Nabb. PARP credits will be offered. Please inform anyone you know that may be interested in attending. Sylvia Hottel, Bryan Wallace, and Melanie conducted a macroinvertebrate sampling class with a group of students from Jeff High last week. The class went well and there are plans to do more sampling in the future with the students.

CWI 2013 – No updates.

Indiana American Water 2014 – Joe Loughmiller, publicity person with Indiana American, called while Melanie was out last week. She returned the call, but he has not tried to contact her again.

Tami reported that Candice Popp's information has been submitted to the Community Foundation, who will be processing the request and forwarding the award to the school within the next couple of weeks.

Tami presented a spreadsheet of the seven applications submitted for March2Recovery Tornado assistance funds. Washington County received 27 applications and is distributing funds on a first-come, first-serve basis. Although the District can withhold 10% of the \$7500 available funds as an administrative fee, staff recommended withholding \$500, and distributing the remaining \$7,000 evenly among the applicants. Supervisors agreed. The process to distribute the funds will be: 1) staff makes a site visit to verify damage done, 2) an offer letter will be sent asking the applicants to accept or decline, and making them aware that there may be permits required for work done in streams or wetland areas, 3) if an applicant declines the offer, then their funds will be distributed

equally among the remaining applicants, and 4) applicants will be required to submit receipts for work done before payment is issued. Luanne suggested contacting Ecotech to see if they would volunteer to do tree planting in order to cut costs for applicants.

2015 Budget have been submitted to the Auditor's office. Staff received an email stating that the Council would entertain a 3% increase in Personnel Services, however, all other line items should remain flat or be lowered. Tami included the 3% increase in our request, and lowered the Rent line item to \$4,000. Our leveraging sheet and supporting documents need to be submitted to the Council at least a week prior to the budget hearings, which are usually in August.

NACD's "Soil Health Forum and Tour" will be held in Indianapolis, July 21-22, 2014.

A reduced rate is offered for the first 133 Indiana SWCD supervisors and staff that sign up; it reduces the registration fee by \$75. Let Melanie know if you would like to attend. NACD's Southeast Region Meeting will be held July 13-15, at the Downtown Marriott, Louisville, KY. This meeting is similar to IASWCD Annual Conference.

The Green' iN raingarden workshop is scheduled for June 28th, 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m., at Earth First. Registration brochures and yard signs are out to advertise the event.

Loren moved to approve the Business Plan as written. Luanne seconded and motion carried. The Plan of Work calendar will be put on the July agenda for review.

Tami contacted Scott Lewis, Council Attorney, by email and phone in order to set up a meeting with him, but he has not responded.

Establishing a cover crop demonstration plot was discussed. David and Mike have spoken with area seed companies about obtaining seed for a plot, and they are willing to provide it. Luanne has a possible location for a plot, which she will check on. A field day would be held after the plot was established.

River Friendly Farmer applications for Harry Sanders and Tom Giltner are being completed and will be submitted by the deadline.

No other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

4H Fair schedule will be: Monday – Urban Night, Tuesday – Agriculture Night, Wednesday – Smokey Bear's birthday party, Thursday – Forestry & Wildlife Night, and Friday – no activities. The path will need to be mulched this year. Dana will check on getting mulch from Earth First. Staff will see if the chain gang is available to help spread the mulch. Posts will be purchased for the sign, and it will be re-installed. Fish will be purchased for the tank this year. Work day was set for July 8th at 8 a.m. The July board meeting will follow.

Melanie presented a request from Extension to sponsor the 4H Soil and Water trophies at a cost of \$39. Loren moved to sponsor the trophies; Luanne seconded and motion carried.

The next Leadership Institute will be held September 5 and 6 in French Lick at Big Splash Adventure. The topic will be Board Development. Registration is not open at present.

Tami stated that the MS4 plan reviews are up to date. Lynn, Tami, and Bryan Wallace met with a developer and the engineer who prepares his plans on Tuesday regarding the deficient plans the engineer has submitted. After the meeting, the engineer was able to submit a sufficient plan that day, and a notice of such was sent to him. Dan Perez has been in the county visiting the bridges project and Yorktown Park. Things are going smoother with River Ridge as far as receiving plans and staying in compliance.

No other New Business.

STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, presented a written report and highlighted some of the items on it.

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.

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

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

With no further business, Dana adjourned the meeting at 9 p.m.

Melanie Davis, Secretary