

June 8, 2015

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Loren Christman, Carolyn Clark, Luanne Stahly, Tami Kruer, Jennifer Kipper, and Melanie Davis.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Grant updates:

319 14 Mile Creek – Steering Committee met 5/28/15. Goals were discussed; Chelsea has submitted that portion of the plan. Sylvia has completed water testing for May, and is currently in the process of taking the five-week period of E.coli samples.

CWI 2015 – Grant counties met at Scottsburg on 5/28 to plan a cover crop workshop for this year. Two dates are being considered: July 20th, which would take place in Jefferson County and be tied to their FFA Community Calf project, and August 18th, which would be held in Scott County in conjunction with a pasture walk they are hosting. The agenda will depend upon which location is chosen. Luanne offered the use of their tobacco plot as a location for the workshop. Melanie will check with Mike to see what he and David's evaluation of the site showed last year.

Melanie submitted the District's credit card application to New Washington State Bank. She was contacted by a representative of the processing company to clarify the monthly limit, and how the account should be set up. One option was to have separate cards with Sam and Melanie's names on them, and billing would be on one invoice. However, Melanie would not be able to call with questions, as Sam would be the primary signer. This is how the current Chase card is set up. The other option was to make the card a "District" card with Sam and Melanie as signers. This would allow Melanie to call regarding any problems with the card. The second option was chosen. The card will say "District Operations."

Plans for the 4H fair were discussed. Staff will let Dana know if mulch is needed for the path and how much; Dana will pick-up. Fair clean-up day was scheduled for July 2nd, 8 a.m., with board meeting to follow. Melanie was given the contact information for the lady that owns and operates Kopp's Lake in Clarksville. She is wanting to provide fish for the tank and then pick them up after the fair ends. Supervisors suggested a written statement for her to sign so that would the District would not be liable for fish that were lost over the course of the week. The supervisor work schedule will be decided at next month's meeting.

Tom Giltner submitted his application for River Friendly Farmer, and Tami has in turn submitted that to IASWCD.

Carolyn questioned whether we participated in Ag Day this year. Tami explained that we will be participating in the fall. The schedule has been changed to have both a spring and fall day with different presenters each time.

Tami prepared and submitted the District's budget request for 2016 to the County. A 1.5% increase in salaries was included per the Council's statement that they would entertain the increase; other line items were left at the 2015 levels. Melanie stated that Quickbooks training will be next year; AFR training will occur at the end of this year.

No other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Applicants for the Marvin Wright Conservation Scholarship were discussed. There were two applications submitted: one from a senior college student and the other from a senior high school student. The District has \$1300 in funds available to award. Carolyn moved to split the funds and award both applicants equally. Dana seconded and motion carried.

Melanie and Tami have weeded the office, Riverside, and Sellersburg raingardens over the past couple of weeks in preparation for Washington County SWCD's visit today. Washington County's staff and some supervisors toured the gardens with Melanie today to get some insight into what is involved in building and maintaining them. They are preparing to apply for an urban-focused grant that will include installing raingardens. Melanie noted, the Sellersburg garden is doing well, and if mulched at this point, would probably no longer need so much maintenance; if not, it will probably fail again. Staff has been in contact with Ken Alexander but he has not provided mulch to date or indicated that he will.

Information on the IASWCD Call for Resolutions was presented. Also the dates for the 2015 Supervisor Summit (8/25/15), and the next Leadership Institute workshop (8/28-29/15) were announced. Melanie will advise Carolyn and Luanne of the LI workshops they have completed to date.

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.

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

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

Lynn Miller, Urban Resources Technician, submitted a written report.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.
Melanie Davis, Secretary