

June 5, 2017

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Those present were Dana Coots, Carolyn Clark, Loren Christman, 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; Carolyn seconded and the motion carried.

Dana asked for questions on the Financial Report. Loren moved to approve the report; Carolyn seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business

Exhibit Area – Estimate from Silver Creek Fencing for replacing the split rail fence was reviewed. Supervisors asked staff to contact Silver Creek, and request a quote for installing the posts without concrete. Carolyn moved to obtain two more bids for replacing the fence, and to accept the lowest bid when received so that work can progress. Loren seconded, and motion carried. Staff will also contact Quality Fencing, Georgetown, and David Abbott Landscaping, for quotes. Carolyn stated that she and Luanne are interested in the old fence rails and posts, and they will take responsibility for removing it. Melanie presented a proposal from Sounds of Water to install a pond feature. Carolyn moved to accept the proposal; Loren seconded, and motion carried. Due to time constraints, work on making the tree path handicap accessible will be postponed until after the fair. Shelving was installed in the exhibit building this week with the help of Providence High School students. The students plan to return soon to assist with cleaning out the gray shed, and moving its contents to the exhibit building. It will then be ready to be disposed of. Melanie stated she had met with Nita Jenkins, President of the Master Gardeners, regarding volunteer work the Gardeners could assist with. Nita did not feel they had volunteers that could commit time to the project. Carolyn stated she would coordinate a sign-up sheet for the Gardeners, to see if we may get some volunteers through that method. The remaining bin roof needs painting; Melanie will contact Pete Kerrigan for that job.

The Color Run/Bison event will be held on Saturday, 6/17/17, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Set-up will be on Friday. Melanie and Katie will be purchasing food and supplies next week. Any funds left from the \$200 contributed will be dispersed back to the SWCD and 4-H Corp equally.

Comments on Fourteen Mile Creek WMP were received from Kathleen, May 5th. Melanie is working on them as time is available. Melanie re-submitted an NOI letter to IDEM on 6/1 so that the District would be eligible to apply for an implementation grant this fall; original NOI submitted June 2016. Kathleen informed Melanie that the WMP does not have to be approved before an implementation proposal is submitted, but it does in order for implementation to start.

No other Old Business.

New Business

2018 Budget was submitted to the County by the 5/31 deadline. Total budget: \$98,613.00. No word yet on when budget hearings will occur.

Tami stated that Lynn has suggested a meeting with the SWCD board to clarify how the MS4 program works, who the MS4's are, and what the chain of command is as far as enforcement for construction sites. Supervisors agreed to an evening meeting, separate from the monthly board meeting, in August. They desired to have a Commissioner attend the meeting as well.

Clean-up of the exhibit area will be 7/6/17 at 8:30 a.m.; July board meeting will immediately follow.

As part of the requirements of the 2015 CWI grant (Jackson, Scott, Jefferson, and Clark County SWCD partnership), a cover crop workshop will be hosted in the Clark County SWCD exhibit area on 8/1/17, 6-8 p.m. Speakers to include a representative from CISCO Seeds, Bob Backus, and Jennifer Kipper.

No other New Business.

Staff Reports

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, submitted a written report of her activities, and highlighted items within it.

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

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

Lynn Miller, Urban Specialist, was not present.

Correspondence/Announcements

None.

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

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Davis