

June 4, 2021

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, June 3, at 8:30 a.m. Those present were Sam Hagest, Loren Christman, Dana Coots, Peg Wright, Tami Kruer, Jennifer Kipper, and Melanie Davis.

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

Sam asked for questions on the Financial Report. Peg moved to approve the report as written; Loren seconded, and the motion carried.

### Old Business

Grant updates:

- 319 14 Mile Creek – According to Kathleen, IDEM is still waiting on approval from the EPA before they can distribute the 2016 funds. Kathleen has suggested applying for an extension of our grant in case the funding is received later than sooner. David has drafted a letter requesting an extension of 1 year. Loren moved to apply for the 1 year extension; Peg seconded, and motion carried.
- CWI 2021 – Melanie presented an application for pasture/hay seeding for board signature.
- INPS (Indiana Native Plants) 2021 – Boot brush materials are at Clark State Forest office awaiting installation by DNR personnel.
- IFEF (Indiana Forestry Education Foundation) – Tool buckets are ready for rental, but no rentals to date. Melanie will be taking a bucket to the upcoming Weed Wrangle to advertise them.
- SICIM CISMA grant – The native garden will be planted at Charlestown State Park immediately following this weekend's Weed Wrangle.
- IN American 2021 – Our application was awarded \$3,000, therefore, CCHIRP will be moving forward with assisting the City of Charlestown in removing the line of Bradford Pear trees from Hwy. 3, and in sponsoring educational events. Kaila and Melanie will be meeting with Mayor Hodges later in June to determine a timeline for activities.
- CWI 2022 – Guidance has been released. Applications are due 9/9/21.

CCHIRP's next Weed Wrangle will be this Saturday, 6/5/21, 9 a.m.-noon, at the Charlestown State Park. The native garden funded will be planted immediately following the Wrangle. The plant sale did not go as well as expected; CCHIRP did not break even. The plants will be offered again at the Wrangle. The board approved saving some of the plants for use in the front garden of the Exhibit area, as many of the natives have been lost there due to overpopulation by ragweed.

Melanie and Jennifer have continued to work cleaning the plant beds in the exhibit area. The front bed is overtaken by ragweed. Per last meeting discussion, displays will be outside of the exhibit building for

pass-through viewing. The butterfly house will be open to controlled traffic via help from the 4-H Entomology team. Melanie has been in contact with the Entomology leader, and they are willing to help out as a learning experience for the kids. One hundred butterflies will be ordered for delivery on the Thursday before the fair; an additional 50 will be ordered to arrive on Tuesday of the fair. The square foot garden boxes are in disrepair. Melanie will look into replacing those. Cleanup day will be the same day as the July board meeting, 7/1/21. Meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m.; cleanup will follow. There will be debris to remove. Sam or Dana will bring a truck.

The no-till drill has been rented out several times and seems to be working fine. Drill users leaving seed in the seed box has been a problem. Enforcing clean out of the box was discussed. It was decided to start with a sign affixed to the drill to encourage cleaning the box; a fee may be charged if that does not work.

No other old business.

#### New Business

Tami distributed copies of the 2022 budget, which she submitted to the County. She submitted what was received for 2021, as the County had advised no salary increase, and it appeared that we were staying within budget on the other items.

It was noted that Susie Kleinert, Amil's wife, had passed away suddenly over the weekend. No funeral service will be held; memorial donations were suggested. A collection was taken from supervisors and staff to donate to the District's scholarship fund in her memory. Amil will receive a note from the Community Foundation when the donation is received.

No other new business.

#### Staff Reports

Jennifer Kipper submitted a written report, and highlighted items and dates within it.

Tami Kruer stated that construction is continuing in the Pleasant Ridge neighborhood in Charlestown without a plan. There has been a complaint on a site in Memphis, which IDEM wants the SWCD to handle, however that is not within the SWCD's duties. Lynn and Tami have requested a conference call with IDEM to discuss issues.

Melanie Davis submitted a written report.

David Trotter was not present for a report.

Lynn Miller was not present for a report.

Mike Johnson was not present for a report.

#### Correspondence/Announcements:

None.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.