

March 12, 2013

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at 11 a.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Loren Christman, Luanne Stahly, Carolyn Clark, Tami Kruer, Laura Fribley, Jennifer Kipper, Mike Johnson, Matt Bell, and Melanie Davis.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Grant updates: *CWI 2013* – The grant has been advertised in newsletters and news releases, but no activity in this county yet. Other counties have received some applications. *319 Fourteen Mile Creek/Goose Creek* – Application made it through the first round of reviews, and was returned with questions to address. Revisions were made and the application was re-submitted. No word yet on when grants will be awarded. *Silver Creek Watershed* – Payment for Invoice #28 has been received; Invoice #29 has been sent to IDEM. Water sampling data was reviewed recently, but it could not be determined that there was significant improvement. This could be attributed to the drought and/or flooding conditions over the course of the grant (planning & implementation), and also to the fact that there have not been a great number of practices installed to date.

QPI funds – Matt spoke with Kevin Feder in Floyd County and he is waiting on a letter that will be signed by his board that includes the information we previously requested. Matt and Kevin would like to wait until after the QPI class on March 25th and after they have ordered supplies for the program, before distributing funds.

Tami stated that the latest Census figures are due to be released in June or July of this year. It was decided to wait until that occurs to evaluate the MS4 billing.

Dana stated that repairs have been made to both no-till drills and they are ready for use. The old drill can be used for beans and grass; however it would probably be second choice for grass.

No other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisors gave a re-cap of the March 7th Region Meeting.

Historic Hoosier Hills (HHH) RC&D has requested that the SWCD nominate a person to represent them on the HHH Council. HHH has offered to help in identifying a nominee. Supervisors decided to ask for their assistance. HHH has also requested dues of \$250 for 2013. Dana moved to pay the \$250 dues; Carolyn

seconded and motion carried. The HHH Annual Meeting will be held March 21, 6:30 p.m., at the South Ripley Elementary School. RSVPs are due by March 15th.

Melanie presented a rate sheet from the New Washington State Bank on their CDs, Money Market, and savings accounts. Loren spoke with Diane Rone at NW Bank, and she advised that she may be able to raise the interest rate received if a \$50,000 balance is maintained. Laura advised that there is no problem with districts having CDs or Money Markets as long as the bank is an approved depository, however the district must get quotes from different banks and then go with the highest quote.

Tami reported that the Land Trust has recorded an easement in Harrison County on the Virgil Jawtak property. They are now working with a Wadean Kitner in Floyd County who has just put her historic home and barn on the Historic Register. She has an easement with the Nature Conservancy, but would like to put the remainder of her farm in a conservation easement.

Melanie stated that the Jefferson County SWCD had contacted her about ordering for wildlife seed from Lewis Seed. Jefferson County thought that the seed might be obtained cheaper if the order was large enough. Melanie contacted Lewis Seed and found that they don't offer any bulk discounts. The seed is \$3/bag no matter the quantity. Loren moved to purchase 100- 5 lb. bags of seed, and sell them for \$3.50/bag; Dana seconded and motion carried.

Laura stated that a training meeting for chairpersons is tentatively scheduled for August 27th. She will advise as more information becomes available. She also reminded that there will be a Leadership Institute workshop in Madison, IN, in December of this year.

No other New Business.

STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, presented a written report of her activities. She gave a brief review of the items on the report.

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

Matt Bell, Urban Conservation Specialist, presented a written report of his activities. He also presented maps and pictures of the I-265 bridge project.

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 12:40 p.m.

Melanie Davis, Secretary