

March 6, 2014

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2014, at 9 a.m.

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Grant updates: 319 Silver Creek – Submitted invoice for cost-share reimbursement for Loren Christman, Tom Allen, and Dan Cristiani. 319 14 Mile Creek – The QAPP has been completed and approved. The kickoff meeting was held 2/27 with approximately 15 people in attendance. Chelsea gave a PowerPoint presentation and distributed information on the project. She will be sending invitations out to those who attended to see if they are interested in serving on the Steering Committee. A web site and logo for the project have been created; web site is still under development. CWI 2013 – Paperwork for Aaron Carroll was submitted this month and he has been paid.

The District is now a distributor of Environmental Laboratories' EnviroTestKits for water testing. We were given an initial supply of 25 bottles, brochures, and display board. The SWCD is responsible for nothing other than distributing the bottles. Customers complete the form attached to the bottle, mail it to the lab, and receive results. The District receives a percentage of sales.

Jennifer has given Lynn Miller the information on the practices that need to be checked per the District's Contribution Agreement with IASWCD. Letters were sent to landowners involved.

Consensus was that the Annual Meeting went well. Comments received on the meal and speaker were positive.

Melanie distributed copies of the SWCD Business Plan and Plan of Work. She noted that there are items that were not dated in the Business Plan that need to be inserted into the Plan of Work. Discussion of the plan was tabled until next meeting. Melanie will check with Laura Fribley to see if she is available the morning of 4/3 to assist with finishing the plan, and to address questions about employee pay.

No other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

The Cooperative Working Agreement will be available for signature at the April board meeting.

Melanie presented the 2014 Clean Water Indiana Annual Financial Reporting Grant contract for signature. Receipt of this grant is based on the District submitting their Annual Financial Report on time, in addition to other items. Grant amount is \$10,000.

Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D will hold their Annual Meeting on March 27th, 6:30 p.m., at the South Ripley Elementary School, Versailles. Buffet dinner is \$10. Reservations requested by March 20th. HHH has requested annual dues of \$250 for 2014. Carolyn moved to pay the \$250 dues; Loren seconded and motion carried.

The Region Meeting is scheduled for March 11th in Jennings County. Melanie attempted to register Loren, Carolyn, and Dana online, but was unsuccessful. She has notified Laura; Laura will advise if registration is closed or if there is still room for more attendees.

Melanie presented a bid from Johnson's Lawn care of \$599 to mow the exhibit area this year. This is the same company and price as last year. Loren moved to accept the bid; Carolyn seconded and motion carried.

Tami noted that new fence posts will need to be purchased for the wooden sign in the exhibit area. The sign has fallen due to the existing posts breaking. Carolyn moved to purchase fence posts; Loren seconded and motion carried.

Melanie read a thank you from the IASWCD to all supervisors and staff that attended this year's Annual Conference.

Tami noted that a new MS4 coordinator has been hired by the City of Jeffersonville, Bryan Wallace. Bryan will begin work next week. Lynn will be setting up a meeting with Bryan and River Ridge to discuss projects in that development. He also will meet with Bryan and Andy Crouch regarding City of Jeff projects.

March 2 Recovery funds in the amount of \$7500 were received in the office. Staff will create an application and guidelines for distribution of the funds.

Loren suggested that the SWCD find a project to complete with District funds.

No other New Business.

STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, reported that with the new Farm Bill, new deadlines and new application forms for programs will be forthcoming; March 12th there is an Advanced Soil Health training at Ripley County for producers; and, 3/20 will be an “Early Site Coordination” meeting of Muddy Fork as they are ready to move forward and prepare for design and construction.

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

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities. She noted that Green ‘in is planning a rain barrel auction involving the 4H kids this summer, a rain garden workshop/installation at Earthfirst in June, and a rain barrel auction involving area schools for this fall. Quickbooks 2014 was purchased due to support being discontinued for the current District-owned version.

David Trotter, Watershed Technician, presented a written report and highlighted activities from that.

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

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

With no further business, Dana adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Melanie Davis, Secretary