

May 3, 2013

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2013, at 4:30 p.m.

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Grant updates: *CWI 2013* – Of the responses to the letter advertising this grant and Silver Creek, all have been referred to Silver Creek because of the practices the landowners wanted to install. There are several applicants in other counties, but none in Clark County to date. *319 Fourteen Mile Creek/Goose Creek* – all 2013 applications are in the hands of EPA for review. Some have returned to IDEM for further comment; ours was not one of those. Kathleen Hagan views that as a positive sign.

Discussion was held regarding placing a portion of the District's funds into either a savings account or CD. Loren moved to deposit \$10,000 in a 1-year CD, \$10,000 in a 24 mo. CD, and \$12,000 in a savings account, all paying at .05% above the guaranteed rate per Diane Rone, New Washington State Bank. Dana seconded the motion and motion carried.

NRCS Cooperative Agreement was signed and mailed this week Priority Mail to arrive by 5/3/13. Laura advised that agreements received by the 5/3 deadline would be paid within this fiscal year, otherwise they will be paid in the next fiscal year.

Melanie contacted Floyd County regarding printing a new plat book. They advised that they were displeased with the mistakes in the current book and supervisors had made the decision to give the books away instead of selling them. If a new book is done, they do not want to use the same publisher.

QPI funds – Funds will be distributed upon receipt of a letter from Floyd County.

Loren reported that the meeting with River Ridge Redevelopment went well. They are interested in doing some green infrastructure projects in the future.

Rental of the no-till drills was discussed briefly. Most issues to date have been with the operation of the drill, not mechanical problems.

No other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Melanie presented a copy of a 2009 memo from the SSCB regarding USDA Privacy Law Requirements. This memo was recently redistributed as a reminder of how PII should be handled as districts review and sign USDA conservation plans.

Budget forms for 2014 have been received and they are due to the Auditor's office by May 31st.

The board accepted Matt Bell's resignation from his position as Urban Conservation Specialist. Discussion of the status of the Urban program was tabled until elements of the SWCD business plan involving the program are developed.

Tami stated that she had contacted Diversified Insurance regarding our surety bond. Diversified will be sending an invoice soon for 2012 and 2013.

Community Foundation has advised that this year we do not need to notify them of the name and award amounts for the student's we select for scholarships. At present there is \$1,910.00 available to be spent from the fund. The process would consist of the Foundation sending us a check in the amount we request. The funds can be used for scholarships or general support of the SWCD. Tami notified the Foundation that due to SBOA regulations, we would not be able to accept a check made directly to the SWCD, it would need to go the college in the student's name.

Laura Fribley distributed information on the SWCD Chair-Vice Chair Training Workshop scheduled for August 27, 2013 at Fort Harrison State Park. ISDA will be meeting with NRCS in mid-May to discuss the Cooperative Working Agreement language as it refers to future funding for SWCDs being tied to business plans.

No other New Business.

STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, presented a written report of her activities and commented on some of those.

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

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

Meeting recessed at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8 p.m.

Discussion of Urban program held. Tami will send out a survey to the MS4s involved in the program, chair of the Jeffersonville Drainage Board, Sellersburg Town Council president, and Clark County Commissioners' chairperson, to gain their input on the program's future.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Melanie Davis, Secretary