

May 2, 2014

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors convened in an Executive Session on Thursday, May 1, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of reviewing the MS4 employee job responsibilities. Supervisors reconvened for their regular monthly board meeting at 8 p.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Loren Christman, LuAnne Stahly, Carolyn Clark, Dana Coots, Tami Kruer, David Trotter, Lynn Miller, Laura Fribley, 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. Luanne moved to approve the report; Carolyn seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant updates:

319 Silver Creek –Melanie reported that she has been working to get the final report of the project into draft form in order to send it to IDEM for review and comment. IDEM reimbursed cost-share on Dan Cristiani's project; Doug Dunlevy's remains to be paid.

319 14 Mile Creek – The SWCD will be partnering with Extension to conduct a nutrient management/pond management workshop for the project. The workshop will be June 14, 9 a.m.- Noon, at Pat Larr's farm in Nabb. PARP credits may be offered. Invoice #2 has been submitted to IDEM for payment.

CWI 2013 – No updates.

Indiana American Water 2014 – No word on awards.

Tami reported that only one application was received for the Marvin Wright Conservation Scholarship even though contact was made with all area schools, and news releases were submitted to area papers to advertise it. The lone applicant is Candice Popp. Loren moved to award the scholarship to Candice; Luanne seconded and motion carried. Tami presented a certificate from the Community Foundation in appreciation for supporting the Foundation.

The application Tami developed for the March2Recovery Tornado assistance funds was discussed. The funds are available to tornado victims for tree and vegetative plantings at 100% funding. Application due date is May 19; applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until all funds are exhausted. Projects must be completed and receipts must be turned in by July 30 to

receive payment. Tami, Mike, and David will evaluate applications to be sure they meet qualifications. The District can withhold 10% of the \$7500 available funds as an administrative fee.

2015 Budget forms were received today. Staff will review this year's budget balance and determine what is needed for next year. Forms are due to the Auditor by May 30th. Tami received a response from Scott Lewis, County Attorney, indicating that he could present the District's request to supplement staff salaries from a pass-through account funded with funds collected from the MS4 program and grants, to the County Council for review. The District would need to submit salary ordinances and other pertinent paperwork to him. If the Council agreed to the request, then it would be placed on the Council's agenda for approval. Discussion was held. Supervisors asked Tami to contact Scott Lewis and schedule a meeting with him.

Supervisors requested that the Business Plan be put on the June agenda for final approval.

No other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Laura announced that there are 133 spots available for the NACD summer meeting that are eligible to receive a \$75 discount on registration. Full registration cost is \$250; hotel rooms are \$159/night. Supervisors will advise Melanie if they would like to attend.

Melanie reported that a raingarden workshop has been scheduled for June 28th, 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m., at Earth First. She met with Green' iN members at Earth First today to select a location for the garden. She is creating a registration brochure, and is going to try to get yard signs to advertise the event.

IASWCD has requested dues in the amount of \$2,000 for the coming year. Carolyn moved to pay the dues; Luanne seconded and motion carried.

River Friendly Farmer applications are due June 13. Candidates were discussed; Harry Sanders and Tom Giltner were selected. Staff will contact them to complete an application.

Loren questioned whether we had been successful in establishing a cover crop demo plot. Melanie stated that the area originally designated for the plot was not available in time for planting, therefore a virtual cover crop plot was created. Mike and David are researching cover crop seed packets offered by Cysco seeds that may lead at establishment of some plots.

Laura stated that registration for the next Leadership Institute should be forthcoming in the next few days. It will be held September 5 and 6 in French Lick at Big Splash Adventure. The topic will be Board Development. There will be another Chair/Vice-Chair summit on August 26th, dealing with human resources topics. ICP will be sending out a survey to partners soon requesting feedback on training needs. Surveys will be due by 6/2.

No other New Business.

STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, was not present for a report.

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.
Lynn Miller, Urban Resources Technician, gave a brief report of his activities

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.
Melanie Davis, Secretary