

May 11, 2015

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

The Financial Report was reviewed. Supervisors suggested contacting the 4H Corporation Board about planting some of the Silver Maples that are left from the spring tree sale. Carolyn moved to approve the report; Loren seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant updates:

319 14 Mile Creek – Steering Committee met 4/30/15 at 5:30 p.m.; next meeting 5/28/15 at 5:30 p.m. Chelsea has requested help in putting together the next sections of the WMP, which focus on creating goals, and indicators for the goals that will track the progress of the project. Chelsea has notified staff that she will be getting married in October and will be moving from the area. She plans to continue working on our project if her employer at that time allows her to do so. Sylvia has completed water testing for April.

CWI 2015 – No activity.

Right to Farm/Partnership with Farm Bureau: No new information.

State Board of Accounts has forwarded the final written report to the District. Results of the audit were discussed.

New Washington State Bank requested the District to fill out a credit card application for municipalities instead of the business application that was submitted previously. Loren moved to set the credit limit at \$10,000 per month on the new credit card, and authorize Melanie and Sam as signatories on the account; Dana seconded and motion carried. Loren moved to authorize Melanie to submit the application for the credit card; Dana seconded and motion carried.

The draft of the District's Travel Policy was reviewed. Corrections: remove "Dubois County" and replace with "Clark County" in 3rd paragraph, and change "office" to "official" in the 4th paragraph. Loren removed to accept the draft with stated corrections. Carolyn seconded, and motion passed.

Melanie stated that the schedule for the 4H fair has been finalized except for the Tunnel Mill Reenactors. She has been unable to get a confirmation from Nathan regarding their participation.

River Friendly Farmer applications are due June 3rd. To date, one application has been submitted by an individual – Jeanne Wiley nominating Ed Wiley. Loren moved to nominate Tom Giltner and Harry Sanders & Sons LLC. Luanne seconded and motion carried. Staff will assist both nominees in filling out the application.

No other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Status of no-till drills was discussed. A part is needed for the old drill in order to keep the drive shaft from turning as it is pulled down the road. Supervisors decided to obtain the part and make the repair.

2016 Budget forms are due to the Auditor's office by May 29th. Staff will look at expenditures for 2015 and determine what may be needed for 2016 and prepare a draft request. They will forward a copy of the proposed request for supervisors to review before they submit.

No other New Business.

STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, presented a written report of her activities, highlighting a few of the items contained in it.

Tami Kruer, Executive Director/Education Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities. She noted that NRCS has notified Districts that they are in the process of upgrading their servers. All staff are required to move personal files – photos, documents, etc. – and other seldom used files to external media in order to conserve server space. External hard drives have been recommended for their large storage capacities; staff will determine if these are economical to purchase. Tami recently requested information from the Community Foundation regarding the deadline to request distribution of funds for our Marvin Wright scholarship. She was told that information was sent in February, and the deadline for submittal was April 15. Tami will be communicating further with the Foundation on Monday to see what can be done to process a distribution of funds this year.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, gave a brief report of her activities.

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

Mike Johnson, ISDA Resource Specialist, gave a brief report of his activities.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Goals and indicators for the Fourteen Mile Creek/Goose Creek WMP were discussed. Supervisors will submit their completed goal statements to District staff. Staff will forward to Chelsea by her 5/18 deadline.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Melanie Davis, Secretary