

May 2, 2019

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Carolyn Clark, Loren Christman, Jennifer Kipper, Tami Krueer, and Melanie Davis. Matt Bell joined briefly as a guest. Scheduled guest, Dawn Slack, did not attend.

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

Sam asked for questions on the Financial Report. Dana moved to approve the report; Carolyn seconded, and the motion carried.

Old Business

Matt Bell informed the board that he had replaced Kevin Feder as the Stormwater Coordinator for the City of Jeff. He stated that he would be reviewing billing for Lynn's time, and also site inspection reports. He will be working to determine IDEM's needs. He would like to work with the SWCD and SWAC to hold an annual meeting on the 4-H grounds.

Grant updates: 319 14 Mile Creek – Tami referred supervisors to David's report, which includes the first newsletter of the project. She stated that she has assisted David with the newsletter, social media posts about the project, other items. David now has a NRCS issued computer with 30-day temporary access; he continues to work on completing requirements for permanent access. Tami spoke with David regarding conserving his hours until activity in the grant increases. There is only one application to date. CWI 2018 & 2017– No updates.

4-H Fair – Luanne's contact for the shelter repairs submitted an estimate of \$200-\$250. Tami approved for him to proceed. Melanie will contact Rhino Shield to apply the roof coating after the repairs are complete. Butterflies have been ordered. Shipments will arrive on Thursday before the fair, and Tuesday during the fair. This is a change from the original Monday and Wednesday delivery because Gulf Coast does not ship on Sundays. The NRCS soil health tunnel is still on reserve. Jennifer contacted the person in charge of loaning the tunnels regarding the District paying for shipping. She was told that the District would need to work with the shipping company. She will attempt to get further details on what that would involve and cost. Melanie stated that she didn't receive any response to her inquiry of other districts to partner on purchasing a tunnel. She will continue to search for other partners. The tree path will need to be mulched this year. It was suggested to get the chain gang to assist with spreading the mulch. Five scoops of mulch will be needed.

Business Plan – Tami stated that she had not received any changes from anyone regarding the plan, therefore she will prepare it in final form and present it for approval at the next board meeting.

Tami stated that she spoke with Debbie Trotter about the possibility of partnering with Farm Bureau to host an event like the Louisville Free Public Library's 50 Things in 5 Hours. At that event, there are 50 stations for folks to visit and learn about a topic, many of which are environmentally related. Debbie felt Farm Bureau would be interested in partnering.

Melanie reported that tree orders were down drastically this spring. The bulk of the sale was an order from the County.

New Business

Loren moved to renew the contract with Mark Johnson to mow the grass in the exhibit area for \$599. Carolyn seconded, and motion carried.

River Friendly Farmer applications are due 6/14/19. Tami suggested consulting with Mike and Jennifer for possible candidates. Supervisors agreed.

Carolyn suggested that the District prepare some educational information on the invasive species, Callery Pear, Bush Honeysuckle, Burning Bush, and Barberry. Information could be handed out at the fair; live plants could also be on hand for viewing.

Staff Reports

Jennifer Kipper submitted a written report. She stated that she has been focusing mainly on EQIP applications, since those were due 4/19. She noted that there will be a Soil Health Workshop in Scott County in August.

Tami Kruer submitted a written report.

Melanie Davis submitted a written report of her activities.

David Trotter submitted a written report of his activities and included a copy of the project newsletter.

Lynn Miller was not present for a report.

Mike Johnson was not present for a report.

Correspondence/Announcements:

HHH Annual Meeting will take place on 4/17/19, 6 p.m., at the Rising Sun Historical Museum.

Reservations due by 5/10; cost is \$25/person.

Community Foundation of Southern Indiana statement.

Agenda items for Next/Future Meetings: None.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Davis.