

October 31, 2017

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 8:45 a.m. Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Loren Christman, Luanne Stahly, Tami Kruer, Jennifer Kipper, Mike Johnson, and Melanie Davis.

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

Sam asked for questions on the Financial Report. Luanne moved to approve the report; Loren seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business

Annual Meeting: Dana is up for re-election. He confirmed his intent to run again. Melanie will be sending out a news release regarding seeking candidates for the supervisor election. Deadline for nominations is 12/1/17. Ticket price for the meal was discussed. Loren moved to set ticket price at \$11.00, and to ask New Washington State Bank sponsor the remaining cost of the meal (\$135). Luanne seconded and motion carried.

Exhibit Area: Andy Roller removed 2 trees from the area, however, he took down the Elm and Blue Beech trees instead of taking the Elm and Ash trees. He had quoted removing the Elm and Ash, and taking the limb off the Blue Beech that was on the shelter house. There was some question as to whether the Ash tree was also removed; staff will have to re-visit the area and determine. Staff mentioned a possible problem with the pond. After adding water last Thursday, it appears that the water level has dropped again. Supervisors suggested contacting Sounds of Water to have them inspect it.

PSS Agreement: Jennifer recapped what tasks would be required, and those that would be optional if the District entered into an agreement. She noted that there are changes upcoming that might affect some of the required tasks (i.e., moving from hard copy documents to electronic). Loren moved to agree to perform the required tasks subject to them not becoming more complicated by the upcoming revisions. Dana seconded, and motion carried. Staff will check with Whitney McGrew to get her thoughts on the revisions.

Annual Conference: Loren, Sam, and Dana will attend. Melanie will register them.

County Budget: The District received the funds it requested plus additional funds for office personnel and telephone.

Used oil collection: Terry Vissing informed Tami that the date for the used oil collection event would be set at the Farm Bureau meeting scheduled for last week, however, she has yet to hear from him what the date is. Tami will call Terry to determine. The District will assist with advertising.

No other Old Business.

New Business

The South-Southeast Region Meeting will be Tuesday, December 12, at the Scott County USDA Service Center from 6-8 p.m. RSVP by 12/8.

Two Leadership Institutes are planned for this December: Communication, 12/1/17, at Santa Claus, IN; Board Development, 12/8/17, at Albion, IN. These will be offered again in 2018, with locations flip-flopped.

The State Board of Accounts sent a mass mailing to local units regarding the adoption of minimum internal control standards, and the consequences resulting from not having them in place.

Dana asked the status of the drill. Staff reported one person on the list that may still be interested in renting. It was decided to leave the drill on the grounds for the time being.

The December board meeting was tentatively set for 12/5/17 at 5 p.m. depending on the availability of Crazy Lady's Catering to cater the meal. Staff will check with Crazy Lady's.

No other New Business.

Staff Reports

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, submitted a written report of her activities. She reviewed notes on CRP, and EQIP. She will be out of the office 11/3-7; attending Drainage workshop at Scottsburg on 12/5; and attending Ag Outlook breakfast and SSE Region Meeting on 12/12.

Tami Kruer, Executive Director, presented a written report of her activities. She stated that she had recently discovered that the County EGIS system is now by subscription, \$15/month. Tami contacted Jack Coffman regarding allowing the District free access. He has agreed to do that. Bob Backus has also contacted Jack as FSA frequently uses EGIS in their work. In addition, Tami reported that the Community Crossing project in Charlestown was inspected by Ronnie Boehm, IDEM; inspection not satisfactory. Ronnie found that a plan had not been submitted to IDEM for the project. A plan has since been submitted to the SWCD office, and Ronnie has picked it up to review. Ronnie has also contacted INDOT regarding the project, and planned drainage under 403.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities.

Lynn Miller, Urban Specialist, was not present.

Mike Johnson, ISDA Resource Specialist, did not have a report.

Correspondence/Announcements

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

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Davis