

October 5, 2017

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, October 5th at 9:30 a.m. Those present were, Dana Coots, Carolyn Clark, Loren Christman, Luanne Stahly, Tami Kruer, Jennifer Kipper, and Mike Johnson. Lynn Miller joined the meeting towards the end.

Dana Coots called the meeting to order. Dana asked for additions or corrections to the September minutes. Loren moved to approve the minutes as written; Carolyn seconded and the motion carried. Dana asked for questions on the Financial Report. Luanne moved to approve the report; Carolyn seconded and the motion carried.

### **Old Business**

Annual Meeting – Tami reported that Ray Weatherholt had been secured as the speaker for the Annual Meeting. After reviewing the catering bids, Loren moved to accept the bid by the Rolling Pin; Luanne seconded and the motion carried. Ticket prices will be set at the next meeting.

Exhibit Area Improvements – Bids were reviewed for the tree trimming/removal that needs to be done in the SWCD Exhibit Area on the Fairgrounds. After reviewing bids and a brief discussion, Luanne moved to accept the bid of Shady Dealings; Loren seconded and the motion carried. An area for a butterfly exhibit was discussed. Some examples of possible choices had been mailed to Supervisors. Luanne and Carolyn were interested in using a more permanent structure. It was decided that we continue to look at more options.

PSS Agreement – After a discussion regarding entering into a PSS Agreement with NRCS, and the need for answers to additional questions and a review of the current and upcoming workload, it was decided that this would be tabled until the November meeting.

IASWCD Annual Conference & NACD Annual Meeting – information regarding the itinerary and expenses were presented for both of these events. The early registration deadline for IASWCD is Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. We have 3 rooms reserved at this time. More information about the NACD Annual Conference was distributed.

### **New Business**

Nominating Committee- After a brief discussion it was decided that the nominating committee will consist of Loren, Tami and Melanie. Dana Coots will be up for re-election; Luanne will be eligible for reappointment. A brief discussion was held concerning whether Luanne was interested in being reappointed. Carolyn moved to reappoint Luanne for the position of appointed supervisor; Loren seconded and the motion carried.

IN Field Winter Meeting – a request had been submitted for assisting with covering the cost of catering the breakfast during the Winter Meeting to be held on February 14, 2018 in Scott County. Loren moved to assist Scott & Jefferson County SWCDs in covering the cost of the meal;

NACD Dues – A request for payment of NACD dues was received. Carolyn moved to approve dues in the amount of \$775 (Gold Level); Luanne seconded and the motion carried.

Used Oil Collection Day – The SWCD has been asked by Farm Bureau to help pay for a portion of the fee incurred for hosting this event. Carolyn moved to approve an amount not to exceed \$300; Luanne seconded and the motion carried.

## **Reports**

In addition to her written report, Jennifer reported that there is no update on CRP status and whether acres can be enrolled or not. For CSP there is currently no date for cut-off on applications. Jennifer will be on leave several days next week. Muddy Fork Conservancy District Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at Borden. Soil and Water Conservation Society – a flier was distributed about a meeting at Trafalgar in November.

Tami presented a written report of her activities.

Melanie had included a written report of her activities in the board meeting packet.

Lynn Miller joined the meeting to give a brief report of his recent activities and challenges.

Mike reported that Ted McKinney has moved from the Indiana State Department of Ag to a Federal position and he will be the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.