

October 6, 2014

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, October 2, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Carolyn Clark, Dana Coots, Tami Kruer, David Trotter, Mike Johnson, Jennifer Kipper, and Melanie Davis.

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

The Financial Report was reviewed. Melanie clarified the refunds listed for tree orders, and detailed problems encountered in the sale. Dana moved to approve the report; Carolyn seconded. Motion passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Grant updates:

319 Silver Creek – Steering Committee members reviewed and commented on the final report at their meeting on 9/25; report is due 10/17. Kathleen Hagan was here for a site visit on 9/25. Invoices 65-68 have been submitted to IDEM for payment.

319 14 Mile Creek – Negotiations fell through with the City of Jeff to do the E.coli testing for the grant. IDEM has approved using Hoosier Riverwatch volunteers to do the testing. Sylvia has collected two weeks of samples to date.

CWI 2015 – Jefferson County SWCD asked Clark County to partner on a grant to promote cover crops. The grant is very similar to the 2013 watershed-based grant involving 5 districts. This grant is county based, and has Jefferson, Clark, Jackson, and Scott County SWCDs as partners; Jennings did not desire to partner. Application was submitted 10/1.

The Area Soil Judging contest took place 9/30/14 on Dana's farm. Approximately 230 students were in attendance. North Harrison won the contest with Eastern Pekin placing second. It was decided to provide Dan Cristiani with two tickets to the Annual Meeting in return for excavating the soil pits.

Tami stated that the District received the Woodland Steward Newsletter mailing list, however it appears to contain many duplicate mailings, and mailings to persons that are now deceased. Staff will review the list and note these.

Melanie presented bids from five caterers for the Annual Meeting. Bids were compared and discussed. Carolyn moved to accept the bid from At Your Service Catering. Dana seconded and motion carried. Election Committee selection is due November 1st. Carolyn nominated Loren Christman as chair; Dana seconded the nomination. Recommendation for Supervisor Appointments

is also due November 1<sup>st</sup>. Dana moved to reappoint Luanne Stahly. Carolyn seconded and motion carried. Katie Stam, former Miss America, will be the guest speaker for the meeting. Katie reduced her speaker fee to \$1,000 since our event is agricultural based, and is in close proximity to her.

A letter has been sent to the individual with the outstanding bill for renting the no-till drill. The letter advised that they would have until the 1<sup>st</sup> of November (when crops are harvested) to pay the bill and avoid further action.

No other old business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

IASWCD has asked District supervisors and staff throughout the state to complete a survey of questions regarding Annual Conference. Answers will be considered in planning the 2017 Annual Conference and beyond. Tami distributed hard copies of the survey for everyone to complete.

Tami presented concerns about the Steering Committee for the Fourteen Mile/Goose Creek Watersheds project. Concerns are that the committee does not have enough input from landowners in the watershed to be able to develop a management plan that truly represents the watershed resource issues. It is also a concern that the final plan may not include as much historical data as is available; the current draft seems to be missing some information. Staff gleaned a list of 50 landowners from the project newsletter mailing list that would be good candidates for Steering Committee members. They will be invited to a breakfast meeting on December 4, at 7:30 a.m. in order to explain the project and planning process to them, and to ask for their input. If they attend, but do not choose to participate as a committee member, then they will be invited to attend another meeting near the close of the project to comment on the watershed plan. Historical data to include in the plan was discussed.

No other New Business.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, referred supervisors to her written report for her activities and upcoming schedule, and highlighted some of those. She spoke at Extension's annual meeting earlier in the evening, and mentioned several of the District's programs.

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. He stated that there are a few projects left that he needs to do calculations on, and some that need receipts in order to be completed, before the grant ends on 10/17.

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

#### CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Melanie Davis, Secretary