

October 9, 2019

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 9:40 a.m. Those present were Sam Hagest, Loren Christman, Dana Coots, Peg Wright, Amil Kleinert, Jennifer Kipper, Tami Kruer, David Trotter, and Melanie Davis.

Resignation letters from Carolyn Clark and Luanne Stahly were presented. Dana moved to accept both resignations. Loren seconded, and motion carried. Loren moved to accept the appointment of Peg Wright to fulfill the unexpired term of Luanne Stahly, and Amil Kleinert to fulfill the unexpired term of Carolyn Clark. Dana seconded, and motion carried. Peg and Amil signed Oath of Office.

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

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

#### Old Business

Grant updates: 319 14 Mile Creek – David is currently working two days a week due to the increase in applications for the cost-share program, and inquiries coming in. One project has been completed, and costs reimbursed to the landowner. Projects in progress/applied for include: 629 acres of cover crops, 63 acres of forage seeding, 1 alternative watering system, 2 interior fencing, 2 heavy use areas, 2 roof runoff systems, and 2 waterways. David has spoken with four other landowners about potential projects. Outreach and education activities are being completed in a timely manner.

CWI 2018 – All cost-share funds are allocated at present. Future applicants will be waitlisted. Project applications were signed for Joe Ryan, Bryan Crace, Chad Fordyce, John Ryan, and Darrell Summers.

CWI 2020 – an application for an invasive species removal/control project was submitted. The project consists of a plant trade-in program for landowners with invasives on smaller acreages/areas to treat, and assistance for the cost of a professional forester evaluation for landowners with more acreage/larger areas to treat.

IFEF grant – An application was developed by Dubois County SWCD for assistance in purchasing decks of invasive species playing cards to be used at events as giveaways. Partners in the grant would be Clark, Daviess, Dubois, and Martin County SWCDs. Cost commitment of each SWCD would be \$675; each would receive 250 decks of cards. Loren moved to contribute \$675 to the cost of the card; Peg seconded, and motion carried. Supervisors requested the Clark SWCD logo be on the front of the decks we receive.

SWCD budget process was explained to Amil and Peg due to changes since they last served on the board.

Bids for catering the District's Annual Meeting were received from Rolling Pin, Schnitzelbank Catering, and Tumbleweed Restaurant. After consideration, Loren moved to accept Rolling Pin's bid; Peg seconded, and motion carried. It was suggested to have containers for any leftover food so that attendees may take some home with them.

CISMA call-out meeting is set for October 29, 2019, at 6 p.m., in the Food Stand. Loren suggested adding certified crop advisors to the mailing list, otherwise consensus was that the mailing list was good. Meeting flyer and survey will be mailed.

Tami stated that the Land Trust will close on the easement on the Haggard property on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m., in Corydon. This will be the first easement recorded in Indiana through a federal program. The Harrison County Farm & Ranch program has assisted with this easement. NRSC partners that have assisted with this easement will also attend the closing.

No other old business.

#### New Business

Melanie supplied reports on drill usage, and repair costs. Dana reported that the no-till drill needs repair again. Another pin has sheared, metering wheels are worn, and the small seed box is not functioning. Options for repairing the drill were discussed; replacing the drill was also considered. Dana will request that Davis replace the sheared pin so that the large box can be used. He will get a price from Davis Implement for repair, and for replacing the small seed box.

Election committee appointments are due 11/1/19. Loren moved to appoint Dana as committee Chair, with Tami and Melanie serving as members. Peg seconded, and motion carried.

Melanie stated that she and Tami have been discussing education ideas for the exhibit area for next year's fair. One idea was to purchase a banner for the outside of the butterfly house. NACD's 2020 Stewardship Week theme is "Where would we BEE without Pollinators?" Melanie obtained the graphic for the theme and requested a quote from Coast to Coast Advertising. Coast to Coast can create a 6 ft. banner for \$124 (\$248 for 2). She also asked about graphic design cost in order to produce other banners and/or posters that would be used to create a non-inflatable soil tunnel utilizing the inside of the exhibit building. Coast to Coast charges \$40/hr. for this. Jennifer stated that she could contact the person in charge of NRCS's inflatable soil tunnels to see if they have un-copyrighted graphic files we could utilize. Funds from the District's County budget would be used to purchase banners and posters. Peg moved to allow purchasing banners and posters up to a maximum of \$1,500. Loren seconded, and motion carried.

Tami proposed hiring a student intern for the summer of 2020 to provide staff with assistance in preparing for the fair, and during the fair. She plans to talk to Jefferson County about their experiences with summer interns. Jennings County was also mentioned as a resource. It was suggested to create a job description to define the intern's responsibilities. Selling seed packets of a cover crop mix to complement the information presented in a soil health tunnel, and as a means of promoting planting of cover crops. Peg will contact the Director at Prosser about involving Prosser's students in our activities.

Information on the next Leadership workshop was distributed. "Impacting Community" is scheduled for December 6, 2019, in Madison. Registration deadline is 11/25/19.

### Staff Reports

Jennifer Kipper submitted a written report, and briefly highlighted some of her activities/items.

Tami Kruer submitted a written report of her activities. She stated that she gave a presentation on the QPI program at the IDEA Conference on Wednesday. Several districts were interested in the program. The MS4 program is going strong. Jennifer has assisted Tami in uploading documents necessary for the Land Trust to close on the Haggerty easement.

Melanie Davis submitted a written report of her activities.

David Trotter submitted a written report of his activities.

Lynn Miller was not present for a report.

Mike Johnson was not present for a report.

### Correspondence/Announcements:

Thank you notes from Clark County 4-H members for the District sponsoring the Soil and Water trophies.  
DNR notice to Nursery Dealer license holders regarding the consequences of selling prohibited invasive terrestrial plants.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.