

September 8, 2014

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, September 4, 2014, at 7 p.m. Meeting immediately preceded by Local Workgroup meeting.

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

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

The Financial Report was reviewed. Dana moved to approve the report; Luanne seconded. Motion passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Grant updates:

319 Silver Creek – Melanie completed a draft copy of the final report and forwarded it to the Steering Committee members for review. It will be discussed at their next meeting on 9/25/14. Kathleen Hagan will be present for that meeting and also to do a site visit.

319 14 Mile Creek – Stream sweep held on 8/9/14 with First Christian Church, Jeffersonville. Youth Minister and 4 youth assisted. Negotiations are ongoing with the City of Jeff to do the E.coli testing for the grant.

CWI 2013 – No updates.

Indiana American Water 2014 – Due to insufficient entries in the rain barrel painting contest, Green ‘iN members decided to cancel it. Melanie sent notice to Indiana American, sponsors, and the schools.

Luanne and Carolyn will be attending the Leadership Institute in French Lick this weekend. The next LI will be December 12 and 14, 2014, in Lafayette, IN.

Tami and Loren attended the County Budget hearing for the SWCD. The Council did not question any items other than the rent; Tami gave the details of what is included to them.

The Green ‘iN raingarden workshop will be held Saturday, September 20, 2014, at the Jefferson County SWCD office location. Floyd County SWCD has pledged \$200 towards workshop and has agreed to pay the registrations for the first 10 Floyd County residents. Jefferson County SWCD is contributing up to \$500 for plants, the City of Madison is contributing \$50, and Oak Park Conservancy, \$25. Carolyn moved that the District contribute \$250 towards the cost of the raingarden workshop; Luanne seconded and motion carried.

The Area Soil Judging contest will take place 9/30/14 on Dana's farm. Registration will occur in the Food Stand on the 4H grounds and then buses will leave for the farm. Judging should end mid-afternoon. Liability for the event is covered through the Indiana 4H program. Students will be bringing sack lunches; event coordinators will have water available throughout the day. Two home sites and two agricultural pits will be dug. An excavator still needs to be secured to do the digging; pits will be dug on 9/29/14.

No other old business.

## NEW BUSINESS

Melanie presented a request from the Indiana Woodland Steward Newsletter to fund the \$1168.44 entire distribution and printing cost for Clark County landowners, or \$250 towards the printing cost alone. It was noted that many duplicates of the newsletter are received by landowners. Carolyn moved to contribute \$250 to the printing cost and to request the mailing list for Clark County. Luanne seconded and motion carried.

The Work Plan for 2014-2015 was reviewed. The landfill inspection item was questioned. Staff has been unable to get an answer from Kevin Feder on the status. Tami will try to phone him this week.

Date for Annual Meeting was discussed. Supervisors set the date for 1/29/2015, with a snow date of 2/5/2015. Melanie will advertise for catering bids. Staff will inquire about Bob Ash as a speaker.

There is an outstanding bill on the no-till drill rental of \$416. Supervisors asked staff to send the individual requesting payment in two months to avoid further collection action.

Melanie reported that the top of the Sycamore tree in the exhibit area has broken out over the past weekend. It does not appear that it can be trimmed and saved, but will probably need to be taken down. Supervisors asked that she call Andy Roller for an estimate on the work.

Plains of Milan, and Waters of Milan subdivisions were discussed.

Luanne stated that the fields were ready for the project David and Mike spoke of. She will get the amount of chemicals applied to them.

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 mentioned that a firm called in today seeking a wetland mitigation site, and asked that if anyone became aware of an available site, 10-12 acres, please let her know.

Tami Kruer, Executive Director/Education Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities. She noted that a new phone system has been installed and you can now access an extension list by entering the letters on the person's last name. A few problems with the phones have been experienced. She also noted that David Hynes' last day will be 9/12/14. Tami spoke with Michael Tackett in Planning and Zoning regarding the FEMA floodplain maps. He agreed to furnish the new maps to the SWCD if we supply him with a jump drive.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities.  
David Trotter, Watershed Technician, presented a written report of his activities. He referred supervisors to the projects in the works section for information on the number of projects likely to be completed.  
Lynn Miller, Urban Resources Technician, was not present for a report.

#### CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 9 p.m.  
Melanie Davis, Secretary