

September 11, 2017

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Loren Christman, Luanne Stahly, Carolyn Clark, Tami Kruer, Jennifer Kipper, and Melanie Davis.

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

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

Old Business

Grant updates - 319 14 Mile Creek – Melanie submitted the implementation proposal on 9/1/17, after a quick review by Kathleen. The WMP has been submitted after final comments were corrected. Kathleen advised that it may be November before the District gets word on approval.

CWI 2018 – A draft proposal was created, and submitted to Leah Harmon for comment. Melanie has worked on addressing the comments. The Jefferson County SWCD board meets on 9/14, and will review the proposal before signing off on it. Any corrections will be taken care of, and then Vicki will submit on 9/15.

Tami and Loren attended the County budget hearings on 8/22. The meeting was very brief, and Council advised that everything presented was fine, and they appreciated receiving the packet from the District in advance of the scheduled hearing.

Details have been released on the NACD Annual Meeting to be held January 27-31, 2018. Conference cost is \$460 earlybird before 12/15/17; \$510 through 1/12/18; and \$525 after 1/12. Single day cost is \$360. Hotel discounted cost is \$199. Supervisors will advise staff if they would like to attend.

Tami stated that Rick Higbie attended the River Friendly Farmer appreciation day at the Indiana State Fair, and really enjoyed it.

Exhibit area items that still need addressing: removal of dying tree, removal of tree branches hanging over shelter house; contacting Idlewild Butterfly Farm about obtaining butterflies for an exhibit; installing tree markers; and getting the exhibit area involved in Ag Day presentations. Melanie mentioned Laura Fribley's suggestion of carving the dying tree, however, supervisors felt it would not be a worthwhile use of funds since the stability/condition of the tree is uncertain. It was suggested that home schoolers would be a good target group for using the area.

No other Old Business.

New Business

Melanie has submitted a legal ad to The Evening News to request bids for the Annual Meeting. Letters were sent to At Your Service, who has catered the last two years, and The Rolling Pin, who is out of the circulation range of the paper. It was also suggested to send a letter to All About Taste, and to Prosser. Potential speakers were discussed, and suggestions were Dr. Po1, John Belski, the basketball player that spoke at Jefferson County, and Ray Weatherholt. Consensus was to contact Ray first to see if he could speak about bluebirds and monarch butterflies.

The Districts' Plan of Work was reviewed.

The Indiana Woodland Steward has requested a sponsorship of \$250 to cover the printing of the publication for Clark County landowners. Carolyn moved to sponsor in the amount of \$250. Dana seconded and motion carried.

Dana asked the status/location of the drill. Loren will be using it this week.

No other New Business.

Staff Reports

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, submitted a written report of her activities. She noted that the National No-till Conference will be in Louisville at the Galt House, January 9-12, 2018. She explained the PSS agreement between IASWCD and NRCS, and that they would like to see 100% coverage of counties for at least the "required" tasks. Interest and/or questions on PSS can be directed to her.

Tami Kruer, Executive Director, presented a written report of her activities. She mentioned that Talana Taft of the Clark County Drainage Board, had called to advise of a post-construction audit that they will be undergoing, and to request information from the District for the audit. Tami will be sending her a list of plan reviews and inspections for the audit timeframe.

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

Lynn Miller, Urban Specialist, was not present.

Mike Johnson, ISDA Resource Specialist, was not present.

Correspondence/Announcements

A thank you card from the 4-Hers who received the Soil and Water Trophy was presented.

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

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Davis