

August 7, 2017

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Loren Christman, Luanne Stahly, Carolyn Clark, Tami Kruer, Mike Johnson, Laura Fribley, and Melanie Davis.

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

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

Old Business

4-H Fair Recap – Staff stated that overall the improvements to the Exhibit Area, and the activities hosted, went well. There were few visitors to the area Friday night, and staff closed early. Ideas to increase Friday attendance were discussed. It was suggested that improvements left to be done, be scheduled to be completed this fall, so there won't be a rush to get ready for next year's fair, such as: get estimates for tree work; contact Sounds of Water to do an after-winter cleanup; cover the water spicket underneath the remaining bin roof; and contact Idlewild (Louisville) regarding a butterfly house and butterflies. Supervisors asked staff to send written thank-you's to those that had donated materials and/or labor to get the exhibit area ready. Carolyn moved to purchase a \$50 gift card for Tom for his assistance in preparation for the fair. Luanne seconded and motion carried.

Grant updates - 319 14 Mile Creek – Melanie is currently working through management plan comments, and hopes to finish up next week. She will begin implementation proposal writing when that is completed. Implementation apps are due 9/1/17.

CWI 2017 – Melanie will be reviewing the grant app to see what tasks need to be completed, then make plans to get those done.

CWI 2018 – Jefferson County is wanting to partner on a grant based on one currently underway in Crawford, Floyd, Scott, and Washington counties. Applications are due 9/15/17. Loren moved to partner with Jefferson County on a CWI 2018 grant. Dana seconded, and motion carried. Laura noted that Leah Harmon is willing to review draft grant apps if they are sent to her by 9/8/17.

CWI 2015 – Melanie attended the audit meeting at the Jefferson County office on 7/11/17. There was concern over meeting the in-kind match. Leah Harmon stated the districts should try to get as much of the match as possible, but that it shouldn't be a problem in applying for future grants if it was not met.

No other Old Business.

New Business

Guest, Susan Popp, did not attend as scheduled.

Laura Fribley presented her August update of activities and deadlines. She reviewed details of the upcoming Supervisor Summit, and noted that ICP Partner Leader Visits are now by request instead of the partners reaching out to each SWCD in the state.

County budget hearings will be the latter part of August. Tami scheduled the District for 8/22 at 6:45 p.m. It was noted that this time would conflict with the Supervisor Summit. At this point, there are no other days available, but there is a possibility that more will be added. If this happens, Tami will request another time. Supervisors discussed attending a future Council meeting(s) in order to keep the Council aware of SWCD activities and needs.

IASWCD has notified SWCDs that there may be limited rooms available at the Annual Conference hotel due to a large city-wide event that will be happening in Indianapolis at the same time. They are advising SWCDs to make room reservations early. Supervisors asked staff to reserve 3 rooms.

The NACD Annual Meeting will be held in Nashville, TN, in January 2018. Since the location is close, supervisors discussed attending. A group code has not been posted for rooms to date, but staff will monitor for that and other details to be released.

Staff presented the need to obtain a new Infocus projector, and a laptop to replace the Dell laptop the District owns. The Infocus does not have the USB port necessary to connect to newer laptops (and therefore can't connect to the District's HP laptop); the VGA connection on the Dell laptop is faulty, and doesn't connect to the Infocus consistently. It was suggested to also obtain a MAC adapter as many presenters now have those type laptops. Luanne moved to appropriate \$1,200 to the purchase of a new Infocus, laptop, and MAC adaptor. Carolyn seconded and motion carried.

No other New Business.

Staff Reports

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, was not present, but submitted a written report of her activities. Tami noted that Jennifer requested the Board select a day for the local Workgroup meeting. Supervisors chose 10/5/17 at 8:30 a.m. Staff will send out reminder cards.

Tami Kruer, Executive Director, presented a written report of her activities.

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

Lynn Miller, Urban Specialist, was not present.

Mike Johnson, ISDA Resource Specialist, gave a brief report.

Correspondence/Announcements

None.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Davis