

March 6, 2017

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Carolyn Clark, Loren Christman, Tami Kruer, Jennifer Kipper, Mike Johnson, Melanie Davis, and guest, Ronnie Evaldi.

Sam welcomed guest, Ronnie Evaldi. Ronnie expressed his desire to be involved with conservation activities in the county.

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

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

#### Old Business

Annual Meeting recap – consensus was that all had gone smoothly. There was positive feedback on the speakers, and food. New Washington bank sponsored 80 tickets.

2017 Clean Water Indiana Grant – Melanie and Luanne have both spoke with Chris Jackson about tearing down the fish tank, and he is to take care of it. Discussion followed on the merits of keeping the tank; whether to remove the gray building, when to do so, and how to do so; what the plan for the exhibit area is; and sealing the new building and obtaining shelving for it.

Internal Controls – Melanie provided a checklist of items from the District's internal controls document that need to be monitored/accomplished each year. Carolyn moved to review the checklist semi-annually; Luanne seconded, and motion carried.

#### New Business

Election of Officers – Carolyn moved to retain the current officers (Sam Hagest, District Chair; Dana Coots, Vice-Chair). Luanne seconded, and motion carried. Loren moved to designate Tami as the Fiscal Officer/Treasurer. Dana seconded, and motion carried.

Luanne moved to retain New Washington State Bank as the District's depository. Dana seconded, and motion carried.

The Southeast Region Meeting will be held 3/9, 5 p.m., at the Jennings County Education Center, North Vernon. Sam, Dana, Loren, and Carolyn will attend. Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D Annual Meeting will be

held 3/30, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Livery Stable Banquet & Event Center, Madison. Luanne, Sam, Dana, and Loren will attend.

Loren moved to accept Mark Johnson's bid of \$599 to mow the exhibit area this year. Luanne seconded, and motion carried.

Tami stated that the Surety Bond, as well as the insurance coverage on the drill and new building, has been renewed. The old drill has been taken off the policy; the fiberglass bison has been added. Supervisors suggested that the Corporation Board be asked to pay ½ the cost of insuring the bison.

No other New Business.

#### Staff Reports

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, presented a written report of her activities, highlighting upcoming dates on her schedule, and noting that EQIP and CSP are her priorities right now.

Tami Kruer, Executive Director, reported that application information for the 2017 Marvin Wright scholarship has been sent out; applications are available in the office and on the District web site. She stated that there will be a farmland preservation workshop in Harrison County on 3/21, 5:30-7 p.m., at the Lanesville Heritage Bldg., Lanesville.

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

Lynn Miller, Urban Specialist, was not present but submitted a written report of his activities.

Mike Johnson, ISDA Resource Specialist, stated that Harrison and Crawford counties have a great deal of cost-share funds available to producers this year, therefore, he will be working in those counties quite a bit this summer.

#### Correspondence/Announcements

None

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Davis