

June 11, 2018

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Carolyn Clark, Loren Christman, Tami Kruer, and Melanie Davis.

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

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

Old Business

Exhibit Area/4-H Fair: Carolyn and Luanne have weeded the largest native plant bed; Tami and Melanie worked on the smaller bed. Carolyn and a friend weeded the low maintenance landscaping bed this week. Plans are to convert that bed to a bee and hummingbird habitat. Melanie ordered tubes to make mason bee houses, and Jennifer donated one hummingbird feeder; Carolyn has another feeder to donate. Melanie stated that the butterfly house shade cloth was ordered and received. Luanne has taken it to give to the person who is making the frame for the house. Melanie contacted the butterfly supplier regarding the number of butterflies to purchase for the space but has not received a response to date. Melanie contacted 3 companies regarding sandblasting and painting the grain bin roof. Only 1 of those 3 did mobile sandblasting; they did not do painting. Containing the material is a concern when doing mobile sandblasting. Grayson's in Charlestown was suggested to contact. Sam suggested replacing the roof; he will contact Cottongim Enterprises for a cost. Melanie met with Paul Graf regarding scraping the mulch off the path and replacing with ag lime. Paul measured 508 ft. of path, which he estimated requiring 35 tons of lime – approximate cost \$400. He estimated 5-6 hours labor at \$80/hr. He stated that because of the height of the exhibit building, he wouldn't be able to enter the exhibit with his bobcat at that point. He suggested taking down two sections of fence along the backside. That would reduce the distance of each pass to scrape and lay the lime. Consensus was that the lime needed to be rolled to avoid wash out. Melanie will check with Paul to confirm whether he planned to roll the lime. If not, equipment may need to be rented to do so. Carolyn moved to appropriate \$1,500 towards the renovation of the path. Dana seconded, and motion carried. Melanie stated there are tree limbs and debris to be removed from the area. It was noted that many of the trees had larger branches that needed to be trimmed. Don Davis will be working to clean up the pond. The large, loose rocks that were surrounding the pond have been thrown into the pond by an undetermined person(s). Don will be removing those also. The maple tree planted next to the largest garden will need to be removed. Groundskeeper needs to be contacted regarding removing the gates leaning against the split rail fence. Clean up date was tentatively set for Tuesday, 7/3/18, at 8:30 a.m. Staff will check with Luanne on her availability, and confirm.

Grant updates

Fourteen Mile Creek: Kathleen Hagan was at the Grant Management workshop Melanie attended earlier in the day. Kathleen said that IDEM was waiting on funds to be released to them before proceeding with finalizing grant applications. She stated that she could meet with staff, and get tasks aligned and paperwork started. She will confirm with Melanie if she has a date available for that.

CWI 2018: No updates.

CWI 2017: Leah Harmon, ISDA, will visit on 6/19 to review the project.

Tami submitted the District's 2019 budget to the Auditor's Office. She provided a copy of line item amounts requested; amounts were kept at 2018 levels. Employee salaries were increased by \$1,000 each per Council request, however, they did not guarantee that increases would be approved.

Dana asked if there had been requests to use the drill.

No other Old Business.

New Business

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Staff Reports

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, submitted a written report of her activities. She also provided a bio on the new Indiana State Conservationist.

Tami Kruer, Executive Director, submitted a written report. She added that the Virgil Jawtak property on which the Land Trust holds an easement, will be auctioned this weekend. It is a 54 acre tract in Lanesville, IN. Jim Kleinstiver, one of the Land Trust directors, passed away recently. Crane has contacted the Land Trust regarding placing easements on some of their property. An intern has been hired to help the Land Trust accomplish tasks over the summer. Tami also noted that Rob Huckaby is leaving Stantec, and, in a recent audit of the Clark County MS4, tasks performed by the SWCD were the only ones to receive positive comments.

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

Lynn Miller, Urban Resources Technician, was not present for a report.

Mike Johnson, ISDA Resource Specialist, was not present for a report.

Correspondence/Announcements: None.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.