

December 17, 2018

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Carolyn Clark, Loren Christman, Mike Johnson, Jennifer Kipper, Tami Kruer, and Melanie Davis.

Sam asked for additions or corrections to the November 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

Grant updates:

319 14 Mile Creek – According to Kathleen Hagan, the grant contract is still in the signature process. She expects that it will move quickly through the final signatures, but she was hesitant to give an estimate on a project start date. The Watershed Coordinator position was advertised, and two applications were received: Bryan Wallace, and David Trotter. Applicant qualifications, job description and expectations, and work hours were discussed. The job description will be taken from the task language of the grant; hours, as discussed during the November board meeting will be graduated for the first year up to 20/week; year 2 up to 15/week; and year 3 up to 10/week. Loren moved to hire David with the stipulation that issues experienced during the Silver Creek project be addressed. Dana seconded, and motion carried. Loren moved to set the rate of pay at \$18/hr. Carolyn seconded, and motion carried.

CWI 2018 – Approved applications were signed.

Annual Meeting – Dana stated that New Washington State Bank has agreed to sponsor the meal at \$2 per person up to 100 people. It was suggested that Dottie Fields and her husband receive free tickets since they contributed so many hours to the butterfly house project. In addition, officers and sponsors of the Prosser and New Washington High School FFA chapters, will be invited. Menu options for the meal were discussed and menu was set as: fried chicken, roast beef in gravy, green beans, sweet buttered corn, mashed potatoes, mac & cheese, and signature salad. A decorated sheet cake will be served as dessert.

Annual Conference – Everyone has been registered, and hotel reservations have been made.

### New Business

Washington County SWCD has asked for sponsorship for their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Soil Health Workshop. Loren moved to sponsor at \$100. Carolyn seconded, and motion carried.

The State Soil Conservation Board has requested all supervisors within each SWCD complete a training webinar entitled "Preventing Workplace and Sexual Harrassment." The interactive video is available through ISDA District Support Specialists. Laura Fribley will be contacted to present it at the District's March 2019 meeting.

#### Staff Reports

Jennifer Kipper submitted a written report of her activities and highlighted some of those. She also noted that the building lease for USDA space is up for renewal this year. The 4H Corporation Board has considered the modifications and updates requested by USDA, and and has made the decision not to continue the leasing process. The lease will be advertised again in local papers. Jennifer was unsure what would happen if nobody else makes a bid for it.

Tami Kruer submitted a written report of her activities. She said that she and Lynn had 14 persons attend the recent QPI training. She noted that the Town of Sellersburg has hired a new stormwater person.

Melanie Davis submitted a written report of her activities.

Lynn Miller was not present for a report.

Mike Johnson stated that about 2/3 of the CWI 2018 funds have been allocated. It will be important to get the remainder of the CWI funds spent before the Fourteen Mile Creek project begins. Fourteen Mile has a higher cap; folks will likely opt for that, and the CWI funds will be difficult to spend.

#### Correspondence/Announcements:

None.

With no further business, Sam adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Davis.