

April 4, 2007

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2007. Prior to the meeting the District Visits team gave a report on information gathered during their two-day "visit" with the district.

Those present were Joe Madison, Dana Coots, Sam Hagest, Peg Wright, Amil Kleinert, Pat Larr, Tami Krueer, Sylvia Hottel, and Melanie Davis.

Sam Hagest called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Sam asked for additions or corrections to the March minutes. Hearing none, Amil Kleinert moved to approve minutes as written; Joe Madison seconded, and motion carried.

The Financial Report was reviewed. Peg Wright moved to approve the report; Joe Madison seconded. Motion passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Sylvia Hottel was introduced and welcomed as the new Silver Creek Watershed Coordinator for the district. Melanie stated that she has ordered a laptop computer with docking station and monitor for Sylvia to use. The background check paperwork has also been submitted so that Sylvia will be able to use the machine as soon as possible and will have email access. Melanie stated that funds for a new copy machine were included in the watershed grant in the amount of \$2,500. She obtained several quotes on color copiers this week; however, all were in the \$7,000-\$8,000 range. After discussion, supervisors decided it would be better to purchase a good black and white copier for general use and a small desktop machine for color. Melanie and Tami will research prices. Melanie stated that she spoke with Terry Stephenson, Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D, regarding preparing the payroll for Sylvia. Terry said that HHH is willing to do the payroll, but that QuickBooks would not be difficult to set up if the district desired to do it. He would help us either way. He mentioned that HHH charges 5% of the grant amount to process payroll. After discussion, Joe Madison moved that the District purchase QuickBooks 2007 with the Enhanced Payroll program; Peg Wight seconded and motion carried.

Melanie noted that employee(s) needed to be hired in order to carry out the CWI grant project. Scott Abbott is the only person that has submitted an application. Loren Cristman, Dale Bottorff, and Bruce Adam, were discussed as possible applicants. Dana Coots will contact Dale and Bruce.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None.

## STAFF REPORTS

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, reported that she has been busy covering her three county area.

Jared Sawin, Urban Conservation Specialist, was not present for a report.

Sylvia Hottel, Silver Creek Watershed Coordinator, asked supervisors if they wanted her to continue to serve on the Plant A Tree committee, and if they wanted her to continue as a Hoosier Riverwatch coordinator. She has a Riverwatch training scheduled for June, which she would like to hold in Clark County. Supervisors thought she should remain involved in both activities.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator/Executive Director, distributed a written report of her activities and noted that she will be speaking on Backyard Conservation during Ag Day, April 10.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities. She recently received a letter from the 4-H Fair Board seeking sponsorship for the 4-H Soil and Water Conservation trophy. NACD also sent a letter requesting dues for 2007. Supervisors agreed to sponsor the trophy and to send \$775 to NACD for dues.

## CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

## CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melanie read a note from GERALYN BRADLEY thanking supervisors for interviewing her. Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D Annual Meeting will be April 19, 2007, at 6 p.m. at the Batesville Knights of Columbus. Cost is \$5 per person.

With no further business, Sam Hagest adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Melanie Davis  
Secretary