

April 6, 2009

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Amil Kleinert, Peg Wright, Pat Larr, Tami Kruer, Phil Collins, Laura Fribley, and Melanie Davis. Not present was Bruce Adams.

Sam asked for additions or corrections to the March minutes. Hearing none, Peg Wright moved to approve minutes as written; Dana Coots seconded, and motion carried.

The Financial Report was reviewed. Amil Kleinert moved to approve the report; Dana Coots seconded. Motion passed.

Laura Fribley, District Support Specialist, passed out a schedule of Leadership Institute workshops for this year. Laura reminded supervisors and staff that it was a good practice to review the Annual Work Plan on a regular basis. She presented samples of how other districts incorporated the plan into their board meeting agendas. Laura announced that Anne Hazlett is the new director of ISDA. Jared Chew will be the director of the Division of Soil Conservation.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Supervisors decided to review the Annual Work Plan at every other meeting, starting with the May meeting. Pat will review the items that require NRCS assistance before that meeting.

Tami stated that the landfill inspection form has not changed; she distributed a "cheat sheet" for the inspection form to each supervisor. Tami recommended that Phil Collins take part in the inspection. Laura recommended scheduling Rick Schroeder, IDEM, to be present at the inspection.

Terry Vissing submitted an application for the River Friendly Farm award. Tami will contact the other potential applicants to see if they are interested in being considered for the award.

Pat presented the ranking compiled at the last board meeting for EQIP concerns. The board discussed and ranked concerns for WHIP. Pat noted that additional EQIP dollars available for Clark County because we are one of the counties designated as an air quality non-attainment zone.

## NEW BUSINESS

Melanie stated that the Ag Primer for Women Workshop, which had been scheduled for March 28, was canceled due to lack of participation. The workshop was being done as part of the District's 2008 CWI marketing grant. The grant will expire April 30, 2009. Other options for the grant were discussed. It was decided to ask the State Soil Conservation Board to extend the grant until October 31, 2009, to give the district enough time to hold a no-till workshop and complete the follow-up required. Melanie will send a letter tomorrow.

Tami reported that the Land Trust met recently and discussed ways to increase membership and awareness. They will be having a strategic planning session with Terry Stephenson soon. HHH RC&D will be taking over the supervision of the Land Trust's funds.

## STAFF REPORTS

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, dates for obligating dollars on EQIP and WHIP contracts will probably be happening in May. A new floodplain easement program has been initiated through the economic stimulus plan. David White is the new chief of USDA-NRCS.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator/Executive Director, presented a written report. She noted that she had updated the no-till drill contract. It contains a \$50 charge for not cleaning out seed boxes after use.

Phil Collins, Urban Conservation Specialist, presented a written report.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, presented a written report. She stated that she spoke with LeMay's about using their lift to determine what part is needed for the flagpole. Sam mentioned that Rodney Couch also has a lift that might be used. Melanie read a letter from IDEM, which stated that the district did not receive the implementation grant for the Silver Creek Watershed project.

## CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

## CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank-you card from the Lewman family for the flowers sent.

There will be a training session on Monday, April 6, 12-4 p.m., on hiring and firing county employees. It will take place at the Courthouse.

With no further business, Sam Hagest adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Melanie Davis  
Secretary