

April 6, 2010

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, April 1, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Bruce Adams, Peg Wright, Amil Kleinert, Dana Coots, Jennifer Kipper, Tami Kruer, Matt Bell, and Melanie Davis.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Outback GPS Guidance Systems have been delivered to the SWCD. Office staff will handle scheduling of the systems and of the drill; the technician hired will provide assistance in how the equipment operates and will troubleshoot any problems that occur. The technician position will be offered to Dave Fellows as he has expressed interest in it; pay rate will be \$15 per hour. Staff is currently looking for some type of box to store and transport the GPS units in. Units will be painted or engraved with the SWCD name and contact information, and a quick-start guide provided for each. An operating manual will be given to the technician for their reference. Tami distributed copies of equipment rental agreements she created for the drill and GPS units. Supervisors approved them with minor changes. Rental rate for the GPS units will be \$10 per day with a \$50 security deposit; the drill will be \$8 per acre, \$50 minimum, and a \$50 security deposit.

Melanie reported that Ira Shaw turned in a receipt for soil testing and was reimbursed with CWI funds through the District's 2008 grant. However, Mr. Shaw called to inform Melanie that he did not need to fertilize according to the soil test results, therefore he will not be able to take advantage of the \$250 incentive for completing that step.

Tree order pick-up has been going on this week. There are still a few orders remaining. Melanie has called to remind the customers. Wildlife seed sales are going well.

Supervisors were reminded of contributing to the Endowment Fund on behalf of Harold Armstrong and Carl Popp.

NEW BUSINESS

Melanie spoke with Tracy at the Auditor's office regarding the District's Request for Additional Appropriation. Tracy informed her that the request had been approved but had been tabled until August

when the Riverboat funds are to be received. At that point the request would be brought before the Council again. Upon its approval, the District would receive the amount needed for salaries for August-December of this year; not the \$11,000+ originally requested. Supervisors, therefore decided to submit a new request that would include operating expenses as well as salaries that would be needed to finish out the year.

STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, Acting NRCS District Conservationist, reported that most of her month has been spent on EQIP planning and contracts, some CRP contracts, and field visits.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator/Executive Director, presented a written report of her activities. In addition, she stated that the Marvin Wright Scholarship application has been updated and distributed for this year, she will be speaking at the Clark State Forest Earth Day event, and she and Keven Feder are planning to participate in the Falls of the Ohio Earth Day.

Matt Bell, Urban Specialist, presented a written report of his activities. Matt has been adjusting his hours and working some on Fridays in order to be more available to meet with contractors.

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

CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

With no further business, Sam Hagest adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Melanie Davis
Secretary