

August 6, 2003

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2003.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Amil Kleinert, Joe Madison, Peg Wright, Tami Kruer, Mike Johnson, Bryan Wallace, and Melanie Davis. Not in attendance was Pat Larr.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. A motion was made by Dana Coots and seconded by Peg Wright to approve minutes as written. Motion passed with all approving.

The Financial report was reviewed. Peg Wright moved to approve the report; Dana Coots seconded. Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Sam Hagest briefed the staff on the budget hearing that supervisors had attended earlier in the evening.

Melanie Davis reviewed the fall tree sale. Woody Warehouse has made a few changes to the sale: they are asking districts to coordinate tree sale dates so that delivery charges can be minimized; districts will be invoiced 5 days prior to delivery of the trees, and payment will be due upon delivery; trees are guaranteed to be alive, healthy, and disease-free upon delivery; Woody Warehouse will not replace trees that have improperly stored, planted, processed, or treated in any way (with the spring tree sale, trees were replaced without question); claims for losses while trees are in transit must be filed with the carrier; all claims must be made within 48 hours or 2 days of delivery. Melanie stated that, per a conversation with Mike Warner earlier in the year, evergreen species would be available for fall tree sales. She was told this week by Woody Warehouse that they do not have evergreens available. If we desire to sell them, WW can obtain them from another source. The trees will be 1-foot trees, compared to the 3-5 foot WW trees, and will be the same price as the bigger trees. Melanie asked the supervisors if they thought the difference in size of the trees would discourage customers from paying a higher price for the evergreens. Supervisors felt that it would not. Supervisors suggested going ahead with a fall sale. If the fall sale is not successful, they favored discontinuing the tree sale program.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None.

## STAFF REPORTS

Mike Johnson, IDNR Resource Specialist, reported that he and Pat had been working on CRP waterways for Huber Orchard, Bob Koetter, Juanita Graves, and Freida Morgan. The Grassland Reserve Program ends Friday, August 8. Clark County had 4 or 5 applicants, which Pat has sent to the State office for ranking. The program pays to keep land in pasture instead of being converted to row crops, or to convert cropland to pasture. The Grazing Specialist hired to cover Clark, Jefferson, and Scott counties will probably not be in place by September 1 due to more delays in the grant process. Mike reported that he and Lynn Miller have stepped up their urban site review process due to the number of complaints the office has received.

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, was not present for a report.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities for the past month. Tami stated that Walt Zak, property manager at Clark State Forest, has expressed a desire to conduct another Forestry Field Day with the SWCD. Tami suggested, if the SWCD participated, that the Field Day be held at the Forestry. Supervisors agreed. Tami will contact Walt when he returns from vacation to work out the details.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, reported that she had spent the past month working on the fair activities. She presented NACD's request for 2003 to the board. NACD requests a minimum of \$775.00 for dues, but will accept lesser amounts. Joe Madison moved to send \$100.00 for dues; Peg Wright seconded, motion carried.

Bryan Wallace, Urban Project Coordinator, reported he was continuing his storm drain marking activities. He has taken two groups of kids to do marking and experienced few problems.

## CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

## CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amil Kleinert announced two upcoming workshops: Drainage 101, sponsored by Farm Bureau, to be held August 28th, in Indianapolis; and the Jeffersonville Smart Growth Workshop to be held in August at a cost of \$15.00 per person.

With no further business, Sam Hagest adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Melanie Davis  
Secretary