

August 8, 2006

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Monday, August 7, 2006.

Those present were Joe Madison, Dana Coots, Sam Hagest, Amil Kleinert, Peg Wright, Jared Sawin, Laura Fribley, Pat Larr, Tami Kruer, and Melanie Davis.

Sam Hagest called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Sam asked for additions or corrections to the July minutes. Hearing none, Peg Wright moved to approve minutes as written; Amil Kleinert seconded, and motion carried.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

Melanie Davis distributed copies of a draft CWI grant application she prepared for a Land Use Treasure Hunt, Photo Contest, and Calendar project. Applications are due September 1. Melanie stated that the District could re-submit the application turned in for the last round, and/or submit a new application for the Treasure Hunt project. Laura Fribley stated that the application from last round was a good one, however she felt it needed more emphasis on what the District's input to the grant would be, such as training or equipment provided. Supervisors approved of submitting both applications.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Melanie distributed copies of the EPA 319 grant contract for the Silver Creek Watershed Improvement project proposed by the District. Staff will be meeting with Laura Bieberich, IDEM Office of Water Quality, tomorrow to review the contract. Supervisors reviewed the contract.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, has been working on Conservation Reserve Program plans for new and re-enrollments, and getting projects ready for EQIP construction. She will be gone next week to an Earth Team meeting in South Carolina; Dave Fellows will be acting DC. Pat presented CRP plans for signature on Fenley Farms re-enrollment of five acres of forest land, Luther Jeffries re-enrollment of 10 acres of grassland, John Wieske 6.6 acres of grassland re-enrollment, William Moore five acres of tree planting, and Gary Speth enrollment of 37.3 acres for prairie grass planting.

Jared Sawin, Urban Conservation Specialist, reported that the District has 8 feet of table space available to use at Sellersburg Celebrates, August 24, 25, and 26, courtesy of Ken Alexander. Jared plans to use part of the space for MS4 requirements; the tree sale or backyard conservation is possibilities for the rest of the space. Jared stated that he is beginning work on the Fall newsletter.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator/Executive Director, presented a written report of her activities. She reported that teachers have already started calling to schedule her for programs. She recently purchased some new educational items. Tami noted that the District has received its audit report, but has not yet received a bill.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, reported that she submitted a news release to the local papers seeking donations to the Natural Resources Endowment Fund. She will also be including an article in the upcoming Fall newsletter. The Fall Tree Sale is underway and one order has been received to date. As a result of brainstorming ideas for grants, Melanie contacted CBS Outdoors about billboard advertising, and Great Escape Theatres about movie theatre advertising. Both were surprisingly inexpensive; staff may incorporate them into future grant applications. Melanie read an email from Laura Fribley, which stated that Districts will be receiving their \$10,000 State grant money towards the end of August.

Laura Fribley, District Support Specialist, distributed copies of a list of changes to District law effective July 1, 2006. Of note is the waiver of the ten acre land requirement for district supervisors upon approval by the SSCB, the removal of the requirement that nominees for elected supervisors must exceed the vacancies, and the reimbursement of approved expenses for Associate Supervisors.

#### CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

#### CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

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

Melanie Davis  
Secretary