

August 3, 2007

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, August 2, 2007, at 7:45 p.m.

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

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

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

Laura Fribley distributed copies of the results of the District Visits program. Laura asked supervisors for comments and suggestions on the program, how they felt it went, and if they had acted on any of the opportunities presented. Discussion was held and pertinent opportunities highlighted. Laura announced that the Southern IN SWCD Leadership Institute will be August 17-18 at French Lick. Registrations will be accepted until August 10<sup>th</sup>. The next State Soil Conservation Board meeting will be August 14<sup>th</sup>; input and comments on how CWI funds should be used can now be viewed online.

Tami Kruer stated that she had received a response from Mike Waiz of the Community Foundation concerning the District's scholarship application. Mike stated that the application looked fine; board members can be on the scholarship committee as long as they represent a minority; have to have a complete list of committee members and their role, if any, with the board; committee must be the one to make the decision, the board cannot be involved. This is one of the changes of the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Supervisors questioned whether staff could be on the committee; Tami will check with Mike. She will also question him about how to award the money to the student without decreasing the amount of assistance the student is already receiving. The most recent quarterly report on the scholarship shows a value of \$24,810.

Report on the landfill inspection was tabled until next meeting as Joe Madison was not present.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Tami stated that budget hearings would be September 4<sup>th</sup>. According to local news, the Council plans to freeze the budget at 2007 levels, but they are considering giving employees raises.

## STAFF REPORTS

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, presented copies of the District Conservationist Talking Points newsletter. Highlighted in it were: the House of Representatives passed its version of the Farm Bill July 27<sup>th</sup>; comments on the use of CWI funds were due to the SSCB by July 27<sup>th</sup>; updates on various conservation programs; and office consolidation. Pat has been working on EQIP projects and their construction and the re-enrollment of filter strips and waterways that were entered into CRP 10 years ago. Pat will be on leave for 6 weeks beginning August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Jared Sawin, Urban Conservation Specialist, reported that the rain barrel display at the 4H Fair was well received. He distributed several newsletters during the Fair. Jared has reviewed several plans recently and has started working on the fall newsletter.

Sylvia Hottel, Silver Creek Watershed Coordinator, was not present, but her written report was distributed. Tami noted that Sylvia met with the Clark County Health Dept. and they have agreed to handle the testing that was initially to be done by Clarksville.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator/Executive Director, reported that she and David Trotter have discussed the possibility of being the host for an Indiana Master Naturalist Program. They hope to schedule the dates to coincide with Harrison County's program so that speakers can be in Harrison County in the morning and Clark County in the evening. The program would consist of eight, two-hour sessions on different topics; meetings would probably be held on Monday nights. Tami distributed copies of a letter she submitted on behalf of the District regarding CWI funding.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, reported that the PAT kick-off event will be August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30 a.m., at the Forest Discovery Center. She reported that several tree orders have been received for the fall sale.

## CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

## CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Letter received from Purdue Extension thanking the SWCD for sponsoring a 4-H trophy. General 4-H project trophies will be presented on 4-H Achievement Night in September; a letter will be sent when the date is set.

With no further business, Sam Hagest adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Melanie Davis  
Secretary