

December 10, 2004

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2004.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Amil Kleinert, Peg Wright, Tami Kruer, Joe Madison, Mike Johnson, Pat Larr, Melanie Davis, and guests Bryan Wallace and Steve Hall.

Sam Hagest called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Sam welcomed guest Steve Hall. Pat Larr reported that Jeffersonville voted to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the SWCD for assistance with the implementation of their Phase II NPDES program. Steve was instrumental in the development of the memorandum. Three communities have yet to sign the agreement, but Steve has been working closely with them. Steve stated that he is employed with FMSM Engineers of Louisville, KY, and has been working with all the communities in Southern Indiana on stormwater/Phase II. He originally developed the Memorandum of Agreement presented to Jeffersonville while working in Hamilton County, and now is using it as a template for communities in this area. He has been working to get the agreement in front of the right folks so that it can be voted upon. He will be taking the agreement to Ken Alexander of Sellersburg on Monday for his review, and it is anticipated that Sellersburg will approve it. On Wednesday, it will be presented to Clarksville; Scott Lewis, county attorney, and Harold Hart, Clark County Drainage Board, will be reviewing it for their December 15<sup>th</sup> agenda. Steve has also been working with communities to finalize their permits, which need to be submitted to IDEM by January 1. He stated that he would be putting in the communities' stormwater plans, regardless of the status of the Memorandum of Agreement, that they will be working with the SWCD. In closing, Steve expressed his desire to participate as an Associate Supervisor and work with the District. Supervisors were very agreeable to his offer.

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

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

Melanie Davis reported on the status of the District budget. The large amount of funds in the District checking account had been questioned at the last board meeting, and supervisors had requested a report of what income and expenses were for the year. Melanie stated that part of the reason for the high balance was that she had transferred money from the District savings account

into the checking account when the District began to fall behind in payments on the Urban 319 grant. That money had never been replenished due to the budget cuts the District received from the County. Presently the savings account has a balance of about \$600.00 down from \$12,000 at the beginning of the grant. Melanie stated the high balance could also be attributed to the cutbacks in spending, such as travel and per diem, and income from the tree sales. She referred supervisors to the Profit and Loss report she had distributed for a detail of income and expenses. Melanie contacted Barbara Haas this week about the District's budget for 2005. She was concerned that because the Council froze the 2005 budget at the 2004 level, that the District would not have funds in their account for the coming year. According to Barbara, the Council had appropriated \$11,700 to the District account. Barbara felt that the District funds would not be affected if the Council had to make budget cuts for 2005 as they normally search for larger amounts to cut. Amil Kleinert made a motion to raise the District Supporter level to \$50.00 for 2006. Peg Wright seconded the motion; motion carried. Returning funds to the savings account was discussed. After discussion, Joe Madison moved to close the savings account; Amil Kleinert seconded and motion passed.

Melanie asked supervisors to set a price for Annual Meeting tickets. Supervisors agreed to keep the price at \$10.00, the same as last year. Awards were discussed. Staff will determine if anyone's conservation efforts this year merit recognizing. Melanie will contact Bob Allen about the results of the 4-H judging teams. Tami Kruer stated that a program for the meeting needed to be determined. Suggestions were for a short video presentation possibly on Phase II or Farm Land Preservation. During discussion, supervisors agreed to pay NACD dues of \$500.00 for 2005. Tami stated that last year the Annual Report was prepared in-house due to budget restraints. The previous year, The Banner had printed a four-page report, which cost \$325.00 and included distribution in The Leader, Banner, and Giveaway and also extra copies for the District's Annual Meeting. Supervisors agreed to have The Banner print a 4-page report. Setup for the Annual Meeting will be 8:30 a.m. the morning of the meeting. Supervisors agreed to pay Jim McIntosh to clean up after the meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

Tami asked the board if they would like to present a scholarship at this year's Annual Meeting. Last year there weren't sufficient funds in the District's endowment for a scholarship, so the Wright family had written a check directly to the scholarship recipient, Nick Fellows. Typically, a scholarship of \$600.00 is given at the Annual Meeting. Presently there is \$599.48 available in the endowment for distribution. Tami questioned whether money should be taken from the endowment and whether there was time to notify the schools in order to get applicants. It was decided to announce that a scholarship would be given for the Fall of 2005 at the Annual Meeting, and have applications available then. Tami will contact Mrs. Wright to inform her of the board's decision.

## STAFF REPORTS

Mike Johnson, IDNR Resource Specialist, deferred his report until next meeting.

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, had no report.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, reported that John Hartstern was resigning his position with the Community Foundation and will now be the Executive Director of the Clark Memorial Hospital Foundation. Jennifer Humphreys will replace him. An open house will be held on Monday, December 20, from 4-7 p.m., at The Grand, 138 E. Market St., New Albany, to honor John.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

None.

#### CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

#### CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

With no further business, Sam Hagest adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Melanie Davis  
Secretary