

December 5, 2008

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Amil Kleinert, Dana Coots, Bruce Adams, Sylvia Hottel, Tami Kruer, Laura Fribley, Pat Larr, Phil Collins, Melanie Davis, and guest, Harold Kleinert. Not present was Peg Wright.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

IASWCD Annual Conference will be held January 12-14, 2009. Deadline for hotel reservations is 12/29/08; registration fees increase after 1/5/09. Sam, Dana, Bruce & Phil will be attending the full conference; Amil may attend on Monday only. Sam will check on a rental vehicle. Melanie will make hotel and conference registrations.

Annual Meeting was discussed. Melanie will put together a PowerPoint presentation on the PAT project and include the awards received from IASWCD and NACD. It was also suggested to run a PowerPoint about the District and its activities as people are gathering for the meeting. Recognition will be given to Marilyn Fellows, Mike Moore, Jane Irby, Forest Discovery Center, Dan Rodden, and Dan Cristiani for their support of the PAT project; Silver Creek Watershed committee members will also be recognized. One meal ticket will be sent to each awardee; awardees will need to purchase additional tickets if they bring guests. Melanie will contact Farm Bureau and New Washington State Bank to see if they will sponsor tickets for the 4H Entomology team members. It was decided that ballots for the election will be available at each table instead of distributing them at the time of the election. Bruce moved to have the Green Banner print the Annual Report; Dana seconded and motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Amil stated that Eddie Miller is willing to continue mowing the Exhibit Area at the current rate of \$700 annually. Supervisors agreed to let him do so.

STAFF REPORTS

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, reported that NRCS nationwide is doing a 100% audit of all contracts across country beginning last Monday and continuing until 12/19. She has also been making arrangements for final payments on several practices that have been installed.

Sylvia Hottel, Silver Creek Watershed Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator/Executive Director, presented a written report of her activities. Tami noted that the scholarship grant fund has \$1,661 available for granting. Supervisors felt the scholarship should be increased to \$1,000 for the coming year. Applications will be taken until the first of May; the scholarship will be awarded before the beginning of Fall semester 2009.

Phil Collins, Urban Conservation Specialist, presented a written report of his activities.

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

CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Letter from Stantec stating that they will complete the second benthic macroinvertebrate sampling event as an in-kind service for the Silver Creek Watershed Project.

Letter from NACD stating that the Clark County SWCD did not win the National Collaborative Conservation Award.

Letter from the Woodland Steward asking for the District's support in the coming year. Amil moved to send \$250 and an article about the PAT project; Bruce seconded and motion carried.

With no further business, Sam Hagest adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Melanie Davis
Secretary