

February 5, 2007

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2007.

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

Sam Hagest called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Sam asked for additions or corrections to the January minutes. Hearing none, Joe Madison moved to approve minutes as written; Amil Kleinert seconded, and motion carried.

The Financial Report was reviewed. Dana Coots moved to approve the report; Joe Madison seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Melanie Davis gave a re-cap of the Annual Meeting. Rolling Pin Catering charged the District for 160 plates after physically counting the persons in attendance. Richard Lewman visited the SWCD office today and paid for the 4-Hers' tickets; Farm Bureau did not respond to the District's request to sponsor the tickets. The charitable contributions from the auction amounted to \$295, and these funds have been taken to the Community Foundation. The value of the items auctioned, \$475, has been deposited into District funds. Hobson Kahl purchased the tractor pull tickets for \$55, but has not paid for them. Sam Hagest suggested researching how the Community Foundation distributes scholarship funds before awarding the next scholarship. There have been instances where the student's assistance has been lowered by the amount of the scholarship once the college receives it.

Discussion was held regarding FMSM's proposal to do the work on the Silver Creek watershed grant project. It was decided to advertise for a Watershed Coordinator and review the applications received, before considering FMSM's proposal. Melanie reported that no applications were received for the Clean Water Indiana grant positions after the Annual Meeting. Mike Johnson stated that Scott Abbott had inquired about the positions. Scott was interested in covering the entire county over a two-day period. Pat Larr noted that the grant was written for two employees in order to reduce mileage costs, and to provide more familiarity with the area the employee covers. Melanie will advertise the positions in the local paper.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers. Dana Coots moved to keep officers the same as in 2006; Amil Kleinert seconded, and motion carried. Sam will remain Chairman; Dana will be Vice-Chair.

Designation of depository. Joe Madison moved that the District maintain its depository in JP Morgan Chase Bank of southern Indiana, headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky. Peg Wright seconded the motion; motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, reported that EQIP contracts in Clark and Scott counties received funding. Activity has been good on CRP with buffers and wetlands restoration.

Jared Sawin, Urban Conservation Specialist, reported that he has been working on the spring newsletter, which will feature an article on rain barrels. He plans to build an exhibit for display the 4-H Fair also. Jared met with Joe Hamm regarding Phase II, Year 4 requirements, and will be meeting with the other municipalities in the near future. He reported that the County Commissioners are lending more responsibilities to the Drainage Board; Steve Hall was recently selected as the new president of that board. Also, Jeffersonville has abolished the two-mile fringe and has taken the Capstone project as theirs.

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

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, stated that she has the Annual Financial Report ready for review and signature. The report is due to the State Office by March 31st. Melanie has requested quotes for producing a new plat book from several companies, but has not received responses as yet. Great Mid-Western Publishing quoted books selling for \$25, with 60% going to Mid-Western and 40% to the District. She presented a request from Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D for 2007 membership dues. Peg Wright moved to pay the \$250 dues; Dana Coats seconded and motion passed.

Laura Fribley, District Support Specialist, noted that Clark County has been on the District Visits list since 2005, and should be receiving visit from that team soon. She asked what the board would like to see at upcoming regional supervisor training/meetings, and what things may have prevented supervisors from attending past meetings. Distance and quality of the material presented were named as deterrents to attending meetings. Creative fundraising and State Board of Accounts issues were suggested as topics to be presented at future meetings.

CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

Lanier Hobbs' conservation plan was signed.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

With no further business, Sam Hagest adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Melanie Davis
Secretary