

February 3, 2010

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, at 10 a.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Bruce Adams, Peg Wright, Amil Kleinert, Dana Coots, Mike Johnson, Jennifer Kipper, Tami Kruer, Matt Bell, and Melanie Davis.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Melanie reported that 102 tickets were sold for the Annual Meeting. Ideas were discussed on how to increase sales for next year's meeting, and to cut costs. It was suggested to have people put their names on their tickets for the door prize drawings so that the District will have a mailing list of attendees.

The local work group met prior to the board meeting.

A notice was received from IDEM requesting 14 items on the District's 319 implementation grant application be revised in order for it to be forwarded to EPA. Melanie reported that she had revised the items and sent the application in on Friday, January 29. No word on when notice will be given of approved applications.

Clean Water Indiana funds have been released for 2010. Leadership Training grants will start July 1, 2010; all others are effective January 1 –December 31, 2010. Funds have not been received to date. Sam will check on prices of light bars/GPS units during the Farm Machinery show.

NEW BUSINESS

Amil moved to maintain the officers of the board as Sam Hagest, District Chairman, and Dana Coots, Vice-Chairman. Peg seconded the motion and motion carried.

Melanie checked with Lewis Seed for pricing on wildlife seed. Cost is \$2 per 5 lb. bag of mixed seed. Last year the District purchased 100 bags. Staff will determine the number of bags to be purchased. They will be sold for \$3 a bag.

Chrissy Ferguson has requested a letter of reference from the SWCD to submit with her application for a summer internship with the Collegiate Leaders in Environmental Health. Supervisors agreed to provide the letter.

Melanie presented a copy of the 2009 Annual Financial Report. The report needs to be reviewed and signed by two supervisors. It is due to the state office by March 31st.

Tami stated that a \$200 contribution had been made to the Natural Resources Endowment fund. Supervisors discussed contributing to the Endowment in behalf of persons that pass away instead of purchasing flowers. Contributing a portion of per diem either at the beginning or at the end of the year was considered as an option. An amount was not set. Tami will check with the Community Foundation to see what can be done as far as sending cards or certificates when a contribution is made.

No other new business.

STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, Acting NRCS District Conservationist, reported she has been working on new and existing contracts, and conducting local work group meetings. She also attended Muddy Fork, Clark, and Scott County Annual Meetings. There will be a shop meeting on February 25th, sponsored by the Jefferson County SWCD, at Davis Implement designed to draw in local producers and inform them of programs available to them. On March 22nd, Jennifer will be attending the HHH Annual Meeting. Jennifer stated that the District Conservationist position vacated by Pat has not been opened for applications.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator/Executive Director, presented a written report of her activities. Tami inquired about the refund for Dana's Annual Conference registration; it should be received shortly. Oak Park Conservancy District is interested in establishing a memorandum of agreement with the SWCD for assistance with activities for their MS4. The Conservancy is willing to pay for this assistance.

Matt Bell, Urban 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

With no further business, Sam Hagest adjourned the meeting at 11 a.m.

Melanie Davis
Secretary