

January 7, 2005

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2005.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Amil Kleinert, Peg Wright, Tami Kruer, Joe Madison, Mike Johnson, Pat Larr, Melanie Davis, Bob Steiner, Judy Martin and Steve Hall.

Sam Hagest called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Sam asked for additions or corrections to the December minutes. Hearing none, Peg Wright moved to approve minutes as written; Dana Coots seconded and motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Tami Kruer reported that she received a quote from Joe Green of The Leader newspaper to print the District's Annual Report. The cost for a 4-page report is \$400.00, up from \$325.00 two years ago. Tami must have articles to The Leader by January 11 in order for it to be prepared and inserted into the paper on the 19th. Melanie Davis reminded the board that door prizes were needed for the Annual Meeting. Tickets went out to all supervisors and associates earlier this week. Melanie stated that she would be preparing certificates to present to the 4-H Forestry and Entomology teams again this year. She sent a letter seeking sponsorship from Clark County Farm Bureau for the cost of tickets so that team members may attend free of charge. If Farm Bureau does not wish to sponsor, then Melanie will contact Koetter's, who sponsored last year. The program for the meeting will be a short video on stormwater/Phase II.

Pat Larr presented Memorandums of Agreement from Clarksville, Jeffersonville, and Sellersburg for the District's approval and signature. Total contribution by the entities for the SWCD's assistance will be \$75,000 annually. Joe Madison moved to allow the chairman or his designee sign the agreements so the District could move forward with the program. Amil Kleinert seconded the motion and motion passed. Clark County's agreement was to have been mailed this week to the SWCD. Mike Johnson reported that Evansville, who submitted their plan in January 2004, was told by IDEM not to expect to come online until 2006. Steve Hall spoke with Cindy Wagner, section chief at IDEM earlier this week, who stated that, by rule, IDEM had 90 days to comment on plans or they were deemed approved and were to be implemented. Steve will follow-up to determine the correct time frame.

NEW BUSINESS

Pat Larr introduced Bob Steiner, the new Grazing Management Specialist, replacing Margie Zoglmann. Bob stated that he was pleased to be in his new position and is ready to begin work on the grant.

Steve Hall stated that he was working on an application with Harrison County that will be submitted to IDEM to develop a Watershed Management Plan for Indian Creek. Much of Harrison County is within the Indian Creek watershed, as is 50-60% of Floyd County; Indian Creek has its headwaters in Clark County. Steve said that the plan would be a very traditional one per a checklist that IDEM has. It will be basically a report on the geology and natural history of the watershed, identifying historic water quality, and involving monitoring 6-10 locations in the watershed and doing monthly sampling. The resulting data would be analyzed, water quality problems determined, and strategies developed to minimize those problems. The application is due January 31st. It is for a 205J program, which is a grant funded program through the Clean Water Act and will be 100% funded by the grant. Steve asked if the board would be willing to submit a letter of support for the project on behalf of Harrison County. The project resulted from the county's desire to develop a regional stormwater, wastewater, and drainage management district. A new interchange is going at I-64 and State Road 64 near Lanesville, and much development is anticipated because of it. The county wanted to do a water study to show the baseline water quality conditions so that they can better assess the impact the development has on water quality. The Harrison County SWCD was approached to be a part of the project, however they declined. Peg Wright moved to send a letter of support for the project; Joe Madison seconded and motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Mike Johnson, IDNR Resource Specialist, reported many warnings of noncompliance had been issued recently on urban sites mainly due to construction starting before plans were submitted. Quality assurance reviews were held on the 9th, which involved inspection of the engineering folders on sites Mike and Pat have done, and inspection of the sites themselves. Mike also received a day of training on livestock watering pipeline design. Sam Hagest asked how often landfill inspections were done as there is some concern about the landfill along Muddy Fork. Mike will try to find out when the last inspection was done.

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, reported she worked on getting EQIP files in order, the GRP signup, which ends 1/7/05, and WHIP signup, which will end in two weeks. Although there were only 3-4 EQIP contracts received, Pat expects 8-10 GRP contracts and 4 WHIP contracts.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator, reported she had been on vacation the last two weeks. Since returning, she has worked on the Annual Report.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, reported she has been working on Annual Meeting details. She presented a printout of parking options for Sunday at Annual Conference. Parking

will be limited that day due to the Colts game and governor's inauguration that will be downtown.

CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Conservation Tillage Workshop will be held February 1 at the Pines Evergreen Room, Seymour, IN. Sponsorship for the event was requested; supervisors declined to do so.

With no further business, Sam Hagest adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Melanie Davis
Secretary