

January 6, 2006

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2005.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Joe Madison, Peg Wright, Dana Coots, Jared Sawin, Tami Kruer, and Melanie Davis.

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; Joe Madison seconded, and motion carried.

The Financial Report was reviewed. Dana Coots moved to approve the report; Peg Wright seconded. Motion passed. Melanie Davis reported on the status of District funds in the Council's budget. If not used by the end of the year, those funds rollover into County general cash. Melanie was informed of this the week before Christmas. District staff then attempted to use up the funds in each category by purchasing items the District needed, or would need, in the future. Most of the funds were used.

OLD BUSINESS

Dana Coots reported on his meeting with David LaForge and Rick Schroeder (IDEM) to receive training on landfill inspections. Dana stated that the inspection was very thorough and lasted approximately four hours. The District is now responsible for doing semi-annual inspections of the landfill.

Supervisors set February 1st as the time for employee reviews.

Melanie stated that tickets had been distributed to sell for the Annual Meeting. District staff will be re-vamping the slide show presentation given in 2003 for this year's program. Tami Kruer is working on the Annual Report. Cost for printing and inserting the report into the papers went up \$25 this year; it is now \$400. The report will appear in the January 18th edition of The Leader/Banner. Tami asked supervisors if they would like to award \$500 for the Marvin Wright Scholarship this year; they agreed to do so. Melanie stated that the 4-H Forestry and Entomology judging teams were successful in their competitions last year, and will be recognized during the Annual Meeting. Tami mentioned that Bob Allen was very appreciative of the District's efforts to recognize the teams. Farm Bureau has agreed to sponsor the cost of the team members' tickets again this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Conference registrations and hotel rooms have been confirmed. Peg Wright stated that she will be unable to attend as planned, because of a conflict in her schedule. Melanie will cancel her reservations.

Melanie presented copies of a "Position Paper" developed by the North-Northeast District Employees, a Rule 5 working group in which some of the Districts participate. In the email Melanie received, it stated that the Paper was "designed to send a message to IASWCD leadership that stormwater management is an important resource issue and procedures for District involvement in implementation of Rule 5 requires their full attention." A major focus of the paper seems to be the lack of enforcement from IDEM for developments that are out of compliance. It was asked that the Board consider the Paper and sign if they supported it. Signed papers are to be returned to Jeri Ziliak, IDEA president. The Paper will be an item on the agenda of the IDEA business meeting during Annual Conference, and will be presented to IASWCD leadership if there is majority support. Sam Hagest signed for the Board in support of the Paper.

Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D has asked the District to appoint/reappoint a representative to serve on the RC&D Council. Bob Bowen has served as representative for several years. Supervisors asked Melanie to contact him to see if he will serve this year.

STAFF REPORTS

Jared Sawin, Urban Conservation Specialist, displayed the report recently sent to IDEM detailing the municipalities' Phase II program activities to date. The program is now moving into year three. Jared presented new memorandums of agreement to the Jeffersonville Drainage Board and Sellersburg Town Council for signature. Even though the agreements automatically renew, some language needed to be changed to reflect things that will need to be done in the coming year. Jared will be presenting agreements to the County and Town of Clarksville in the near future, but does not foresee any problems with them renewing.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator, stated that she had taken vacation over the holidays, and had been working on the Annual Report since her return. Tami noted that there would be a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, January 9, here at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Key note speakers will be Mike Sodrel and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Johanns.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, did not have a report.

CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

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

Melanie Davis
Secretary

