

January 4, 2008

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, January 3, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Joe Madison, Jared Sawin, Sylvia Hottel, Mike Johnson, Pat Larr, and Melanie Davis. Not present were Peg Wright, Amil Kleinert, and Tami Kruer.

Sam asked for additions or corrections to the December minutes. Hearing none, Dana Coots moved to approve minutes as written; Joe Madison seconded, and motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Melanie Davis stated that she had five rooms reserved at Annual Conference; only four will be needed since Amil is not attending. Sam said he would cancel the extra room upon arrival at the Conference. Peg Wright has agreed to drive her vehicle. Supervisors will meet at 7 a.m., January 14, at Dana's house to depart. Joe Madison will be traveling separately, arriving late Monday afternoon. Senator Jim Lewis and Representative Steve Stemler have responded that they will be attending the legislative breakfast.

Melanie stated that Annual Meeting plans are going well. Sylvia will be the speaker, recognition will be given to the 4H Entomology Team for their winnings at State, and Conservation Kudos will be awarded. Melanie asked that supervisors begin collecting door prizes. Set-up will be the morning of the Annual Meeting at 8:30 a.m. for those that can assist. Tickets for the meal are \$10. Melanie will ask Jim McIntosh to do the clean-up.

Melanie reported that she submitted an application for the CWI Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant on behalf of the District. She was unable to submit separate applications for the No-Till Workshop and urban cover crop workshop, so they had to be combined under one request. Pat Larr stated that the Scott County SWCD was submitting an application for the CWI Sediment & Nutrient Reduction Grant that Clark County may be able to partner on. Crop Production Services has agreed to do soil tests for producers to determine fertilizer rates needed. The Scott County SWCD will then pay incentives to those producers who follow up and apply fertilizer at the recommended rates. Supervisors liked the Scott County proposal, and asked

Melanie to contact Scott County for a possible partnership on the grant. Applications are due February 1.

NEW BUSINESS

Eddie Miller contacted Amil Kleinert regarding mowing the grass in the Exhibit area for this year. Supervisors agreed to have Eddie continue to mow the area.

Dana moved to designate Chase Bank, Charlestown Branch, as the depository for SWCD funds. Joe seconded and motion carried. Supervisors asked Melanie to inquire at New Washington State Bank about opening a business account there.

STAFF REPORTS

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, has been working on EQIP sign-ups. She reported that as of today, all of the EQIP money for 2008 has been obligated. Fifteen applications were approved in Clark County; four are pending. Pat noted that the FSA consolidation has been put on hold; the status of the NRCS offices is unknown at this time.

Jared Sawin, Urban Conservation Specialist, presented a written report of his activities.

Sylvia Hottel, Silver Creek Watershed Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities. She thanked Mike Johnson for his assistance in plotting where the livestock in the watershed are located.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator/Executive Director, was not present for a report.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, reported that she will be participating in a teleconference on January 7, dealing with NRCS rent reduction options; Brenda McGovern will be answering questions and giving information. Melanie presented a request from Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D for 2008 dues in the amount of \$250. Supervisors agreed to pay the dues.

CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

With no further business, Sam Hagest adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Melanie Davis
Secretary