

January 10, 2011

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Sam asked for additions or corrections to the December minutes. Bruce moved to approve minutes as written; Amil seconded, and motion carried.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

Melanie stated that there are excess 2010 CWI funds that the SSCB plans to make available to districts this spring. She presented an idea from Mike Johnson that could be developed into a proposal for the SWCD to submit. After discussion, it was decided to wait until the SSCB meets on January 10<sup>th</sup> and distributes the guidelines and more information, before deciding to submit a proposal.

Annual Meeting was discussed. Carol Norton, UofL, will be the speaker. She will talk about The Kentucky Food Trader and water quality. Melanie noted that the 4H Entomology team won the State competition this year and asked how the board would like to recognize them. It was decided to acknowledge them during the program without giving them certificates. Melanie will ask New Washington State Bank to sponsor the team's tickets. Dana Coots will be recognized as the 2010 River Friendly Farmer. Land-Mill Developers will be acknowledged with a Conservation Kudo. Table materials will include info on Silver Creek Watershed, and a future field day and workshop topics survey. The Annual Report will be published in The Leader on January 19.

Renae Smith started as the Silver Creek Watershed Coordinator on January 4. She, Tami, and Melanie have met and reviewed the grant responsibilities. Bryan Wallace has offered his assistance with the grant, and to serve on the Steering Committee.

Tami sent out notices to the MS4 communities requesting that they invoice the District for QPI reimbursement. Madison, Floyd County, and Sellersburg have yet to send an invoice.

Tami reported that the Community Foundation has made payment to the recipient's school for the 2010 Marvin Wright Conservation Scholarship.

Annual Conference arrangements and schedule were briefly discussed.

Matt Bell reported that a fee of \$250 for plan reviews was submitted to Clarksville and Oak Park, two communities that do not have an MOA with the District but have requested this service. Clarksville has not responded; Oak Park approved the fee. In addition, Clarksville has asked the District to do their Notice of Termination (NOT) reviews for their sites. A fee of \$100 was suggested to inspect a site, and Matt to use his discretion in the billing.

Melanie stated she had been contacted by Ron Robertson in regards to the repayment of funds to the District. Tami will compose a letter to the SBOA explaining the District's stance on the repayment.

No other old business.  
NEW BUSINESS

Tami reported that the Floyd County SWCD has already replaced their "Entering Floyd County SWCD" signs. Matt has discovered that the Clark County SWCD sign on Charlestown Rd. at County Line Rd. needs to be taken down due to a construction project there. The developer has stated that they will reinstall the sign when the project is complete. Matt suggested purchasing a new sign to be placed at that location. The sign that is taken down there could then be used to replace the sign on Grantline Rd., which is deteriorating. Supervisors agreed.

NACD has requested their annual "Conservation Investment" or dues from Districts for the coming year. Supervisors decided not to send payment, but to send a letter to NACD requesting accountability for the dues they receive, and stating that recent national meetings have been cost prohibitive for the District to attend.

No supervisors will be attending NACD Annual Conference.

Supervisors agreed to hold the February board meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting.

Jennifer Kipper discussed possible dates to meet with Roger Wenning in Decatur County to view his cover crop plots. She suggested the weeks of March 7 or 14. She will contact Roger for a specific date and let supervisors know.

Matt reported that each MS4 is required to do a Stream Visual Assessment Program. The District will be assisting Sellersburg with theirs, which has a minimal number of sites to assess. Clark County has many sites, but has not completed the assessments. Matt suggested that the District do the assessments and charge a fee for the service. The Drainage Board will be reviewing his suggestion at their next meeting.

Ordering new SWCD shirts was discussed. Tami and Melanie will research options and pricing.

Tami presented information on a Women in Agriculture Conference to be held February 24-25 in Jeffersonville. Peg moved to pay the \$80 registration fee so that Tami and Melanie can attend one day of the Conference. Bruce seconded the motion and motion carried.

## STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS District Conservationist, stated that she will be attending Annual Conference, along with the No-Till Conference next week. She has been working a great deal on contract reviews, payments, and modifications. She reported that there is a need for invasive species weed watchers who could send reports on infestations to DNR. FSA's new employee will start January 19.

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

Matt Bell, Urban Specialist, presented a written report of his activities.  
Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities.  
Rena Smith, Silver Creek Watershed Coordinator, gave a brief report of her activities.

**CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Crop Production Workshop, February 1, Pines Evergreen Room, Seymour, IN.

With no further business, Sam Hagest adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Melanie Davis  
Secretary