

July 3, 2003

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 2003.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Amil Kleinert, Joe Madison, Tami Kruer, Pat Larr, Bryan Wallace, Melanie Davis, David Trotter, and Judy Martin. Not in attendance were Mike Johnson and Peg Wright.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Joe Madison and seconded by Amil Kleinert to approve minutes as written. Motion passed with all approving.

The Financial report was reviewed. Two line items were entered twice on the report. Dana Coots moved to approve the report with noted corrections to be made by Melanie; Amil Kleinert seconded. Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Pat Larr reported that IDEM notified office that the Grazing Land contract will not start July 1, because EPA has not appropriated the funds to IDEM. IDEM was unable to give a start date for the project. Plans are to contact some of the legislators, including Baron Hill, to see if they may be able to get the grant process in motion. Margaret Zoglmann has been informed of the situation. She has moved from her campus apartment to her parents' home. It is hoped that she will be able to stay with the position until the new start date.

Melanie Davis reported that plans for the 4-H Fair were going smoothly. She stated that decisions need to be made as to whether to fix the split rail fence and do other maintenance. Tami and Bryan have already pruned trees and weeded the flowerbeds. It was decided that the tree path could be sprayed and raked this year instead of purchasing mulch to cover it. Melanie will call Home Depot or the local lumber companies to find posts for the split rail fence so that it may be repaired. Supervisors have been assigned nights as follows: Monday – Amil Kleinert; Tuesday – Dana Coots; Wednesday – Joe Madison; Thursday – Sam Hagest; and Friday – Peg Wright.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The office received notice that IDNR will be distributing funds that have been collecting in association with Rule 5 permit activities. The funds are to be used to enhance the partnership's efforts in implementing Rule 5. The District is due \$615.00 in Administrative Funds. The

District may opt to accept the funds or to defer the funds to a Special Projects Fund. Placing the funds in the Special Project Fund does not exclude the District from submitting an application for a Special Project. Amil Kleinert moved to have the funds distributed to the District; Dana Coots seconded and motion carried.

Judy Martin presented a fundraising program whereby Districts can partner with the SWCD Foundation to raise funds for operations, salaries, and special projects. The program works by:

- The District securing a predetermined number of businesses to sell the water product (the water comes in 16.9 oz. Bottles, 24 to a case, and carries a private label that promotes the District and Indiana SWCD Foundation).
- Cloverdale Spring Water, the water distributor, handles the delivery and account maintenance of each participating business. Clovertree monitors progress toward the goal and the performance of the businesses that agree to sell the water. Clovertree sends profit payments to the District on a regular schedule (The District receives 30% of the profits per case).

Judy answered questions and clarified the details of the project. Judy will bring additional information on the project to the next meeting.

## STAFF REPORTS

Mike Johnson, IDNR Resource Specialist, was not present for a report.

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, reported that the earthwork on the Muddy Fork project was progressing. Melanie has put a Special Projects link on the District web site with pictures of the site. Pat plans to take pictures every couple of weeks so that the construction can be followed. Pat has been working with the Grazing Steering Committee to establish practices, cost-share rates, and ranking criteria. EQIP initial rankings were due in the state office on Monday if they had a high-high ranking. Out of eight applicants, Clark County had three that were high-high, but those applicants had a low overall score. Pat is not optimistic of their approval. Other work has included CRP filter strips and grass waterways on the Huber Winery property that the Tech Team has surveyed. They will be at Finley Farm to survey a 10-acre wetland on Thursday.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities for the past month.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, reported that work on the Lewis and Clark portion of the web site was progressing nicely. She has begun work on a grant to fund construction of the log cabin. She recently found a grantor that would fund equipment and renovation/construction projects.

Bryan Wallace, Urban Project Coordinator, reported that he has finished the Community Guide and it is now at Rite-Way Printers for production. He passed out sample copies for viewing.

Sharon Marra of the Solid Waste District has agreed to send the Community Guide out with her recycling guide, which will provide needed matching for our grant. Bryan has been doing storm drain stenciling in heavy traffic areas, and seeking out volunteers for stenciling other areas. He has a stenciling day scheduled for July 12. Bryan reported that some of the stencils placed in the Pebble Creek area have been removed, however, he feels that situation has been resolved. Bill Bizer, of Oak Park Conservancy, has agreed to help with mailing newsletters next year. Supervisors asked Bryan to add more telephone numbers to the directory of the Community Guide, and to add the Farm Bureau oil collection day to the motor oil recycling section. Bryan said he would check with Rite-Way to see if production of the guide had begun, and if not, he would make those updates.

#### CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

Conservation plans for Dan Cristiani were signed.

#### CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

IASWCD's Call for Proposals was announced.

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

Melanie Davis  
Secretary