

July 3, 2007

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Amil Kleinert, Tami Kruer, Jared Sawin, Sylvia Hottel, Melanie Davis, and guest, Mike Waiz.

Mike Waiz, CEO Community Foundation of Southern Indiana, discussed with supervisors how recent changes in Pension laws have affected endowments such as the District's. According to Mike, in order for the board to have a say as to who receives the scholarship, a selection committee would need to be formed in which board members were in the minority; the decision can not be made solely by board members. In addition, the endowment agreement needs to be re-written to state that the monies can be used for scholarships. Mike will make the necessary changes and notify the board when the paperwork is ready for signature.

Sam asked for additions or corrections to the June minutes. Hearing none, Amil Kleinert moved to approve minutes as written; Peg Wright seconded, and motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The 4H Fair was discussed. Melanie Davis reviewed nights that supervisors are working: Joe Madison – Monday, Dana Coots – Tuesday, Sam Hagest – Wednesday, and Peg Wright – Thursday.

Peg Wright noted that she was only able to attend part of the landfill inspection. Joe Madison completed the inspection, but was not present for a report. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Tami Kruer distributed documentation from the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) regarding the proposed use of Clean Water Indiana (CWI) funds. CWI funds were recently given a \$1 million increase over a two year period by the legislature to leverage funds, build SWCD capacity, and increase technical assistance. The SSCB is considering a watershed approach to technical assistance that they say would engage and empower Districts. There will be several meetings around the state that Districts can attend to give their ideas and comments; the closest location for our District will be in North Vernon, July 10, from 7-9 p.m.

Tami announced that there would be a public meeting July 12th at 9 a.m. in the Food Service Bldg. of the Clark County 4-H Fairgrounds to hear input from stakeholders regarding the proposed consolidation of the Clark and Scott County FSA offices.

STAFF REPORTS

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, was not present for a report.

Jared Sawin, Urban Conservation Specialist, reported that the rain barrel display for the 4H Fair has been completed.

Sylvia Hottel, Silver Creek Watershed Coordinator, noted that work on the grant is progressing. Supervisors viewed the display Sylvia ordered to promote the project.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator/Executive Director, reported that she has been working on 4H Fair activities.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, reported that she also has been working on Fair activities.

CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

With no further business, Sam Hagest adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Melanie Davis
Secretary