

July 6, 2009

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, July 2, 2009, at 9 a.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Amil Kleinert, Bruce Adams, Tami Kruer, Phil Collins, and Melanie Davis. Not present were Dana Coots, Pat Larr, and Peg Wright.

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

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

The upcoming 4H Fair was discussed. Aquatic Control will be doing a Pond Workshop on Monday night; Tuesday night will feature the No-Till Drill Workshop; Raptor Rehab will be here as well as the Beekeepers and Navilleton Shrimp farm on Wednesday; Carolyn Clark, Master Gardener, will answer questions on rain barrels and demonstrate how to build your own on Thursday; Friday there are no activities scheduled. Supervisors will work the following nights: Monday – Dana and Amil (?), Tuesday – Sam and Bruce, Weds. – Peg, Thurs. – Amil (?). Deb Ashack and Jay Tanner will be asked to work on Thursday night.

Tami reported that she has not heard from the Poppes regarding the damage to the no-till drill tire. They have also not paid their bill for using the drill. Tami will send a letter to ask for the police report, and for the other party's name that was involved in the accident.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Melanie read an email from the Indiana SWCD Foundation stating that the Foundation will be ceasing operations by August 31, 2009. The District needs to respond as to how they would like the funds in their account dispersed. Supervisors agreed to roll the money into the District's endowment fund.

Tami presented a letter from the Town of Clarksville terminating their MOA with the District for Phase II services as of August 1, 2009. This may affect the Urban Conservation position since Clarksville was paying a large portion of the salary. Recent annexations and changes in population of the entities will probably affect the percentages that they pay for our services. Staff will be working with Steve Hall to determine the full effects and what may need to be changed in the program.

Melanie recently received an email from the State office stating that the District utilized only \$6,684 of the \$10,000 it was given for its' CWI 2008 SNRG. This grant provided producers funds for soil testing and incentives for fertilizer application. The \$10,000 was encumbered to the District, so the remaining funds cannot be reverted to another account or distributed in any way without passing first through the

District. Therefore, the State office has requested that we try to spend the funds. Supervisors decided to distribute the remaining funds based on the tons of fertilizer the producers had applied in the program.

The next Cornerstones of Leadership Institute workshop will be August 7-8 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Columbus, IN. This is the second phase of the Institute, Communication. Phil, Tami, and Sam will attend; Melanie will check with Dana to see if he will attend.

#### STAFF REPORTS

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

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator/Executive Director, presented a written report of her activities. Tami received two scholarship applications: Keegan Price and Anna Trotter. After reviewing each of their applications, supervisors agreed to present the scholarship to Anna. Tami stated that the landfill inspection was completed. Tami forwarded Terry Vissing's River Friendly Farmer application to the State. He will be recognized with the other RFF recipients during the Indiana State Fair. Historic Hoosier Hills has requested that we include \$250 for dues in our 2010 budget. Bruce moved to include the dues; Amil seconded and motion carried. Budget forms were due to the Auditor's office on July 1. Forms were submitted, and included a request for rent funds, which the Council omitted from the District's budget in 2009.

Phil Collins, Urban Conservation Specialist, presented a written report.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, reported that she has been working on 4H Fair plans and activities. Melanie read a letter from Dan Moore, Circuit Court Judge, about a new "Riding the Circuit" outreach program that his office is beginning. It is designed provide a better understanding of the court system. It was suggested that we talk to Dan during the fair about the program and then possibly schedule it for the fall.

#### CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

Plan for Damien Cristiani was signed.

#### CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Melanie Davis  
Secretary