

June 8, 2007

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, June 7, 2007.

Those present were Joe Madison, Dana Coots, Sam Hagest, Amil Kleinert, Pat Larr, Tami Kruer, Jared Sawin, Sylvia Hottel, and Melanie Davis.

Sam Hagest called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m. Sam asked for additions or corrections to the May minutes. Hearing none, Amil Kleinert moved to approve minutes as written; Dana Coots seconded, and motion carried.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

The 4H Fair was discussed. Melanie Davis stated that the staff would like to have the Path of a Waterdrop exhibit removed from the Natural Resources area. Staff suggested cutting the 2 x 4s that are in place in half and using them as supports for benches. Other options for benches were discussed. Tami mentioned that there are trees that need pruning, however a chainsaw will be needed to remove the branches. There is also a stump that needs to be removed along the path. Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, was selected as a work day for the exhibit area, starting at 9 a.m. The July board meeting will follow after the work is completed. Supervisors chose nights to work as follows: Joe Madison – Monday, Dana Coots – Tuesday, Sam Hagest – Wednesday, and Peg Wright – Thursday.

Melanie Davis stated that Bruce Adam completed the paperwork for the Buffer Marketing Specialist position for the CWI grant. Melanie spoke with Scott Abbott concerning his interest in working. Scott stated that he would be attending school from June 25-August 5, and would be unable to work during that time; he could work before or after those dates. Supervisors felt that would be an inefficient use of the grant dollars, and decided to begin the marketing program with Bruce only. It was decided to ask for an extension of the grant since it has taken so long to get someone hired to do the work.

Tami Kruer reported that since there have been changes in the Pension Protection Act, Community Foundation has advised that we can no longer distribute scholarship money because of the way our endowment fund is set up. Tami has been corresponding with Melissa Harbeson regarding the situation, but has not found a favorable solution yet. Tami suggested having supervisors meet with the Community Foundation to talk with them one-on-one at the August board meeting; supervisors agreed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The District business plan was reviewed. Supervisors determined that the District was on track with the plan.

## STAFF REPORTS

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, presented EQIP conservation plans for signature. She stated that tillage transacts are being done this year; Clark County's will be the week of June 18. Last month NRCS and FSA updated their reimbursable agreement for leased space. Last year, the District was billed 100 sq. ft. per person. This year, actual space that District employees occupy will be measured.

Jared Sawin, Urban Conservation Specialist, reported that plans for the rain barrel display for the 4H Fair are going well. He distributed an agenda for an Illicit Discharge/Stormwater Quality Workshop to be held June 13, 9 a.m., at Kye's at Water Front Square. He also distributed a letter written from the Clark County Drainage Board to the Clark County Commissioners regarding stormwater management in the county for the supervisors' review. Jared stated he will set up a display again this year at Sellersburg Celebrates in August.

Sylvia Hottel, Silver Creek Watershed Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities. She reported that there will be a public meeting next Thursday night, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., at the Clark County REMC, to get input on the concerns the public has about the watershed. Sylvia toured the water quality testing sites with FMSM today. There will be 10 testing sites. Sylvia had thirteen people attend her volunteer Hoosier Riverwatch training last week. She sent the loaner kit home with an IUS student who has already been out testing.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator/Executive Director, reported that she has been working on 4H Fair, and researching new educational material.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities. She also presented a bid offer of \$300 from T-Mate-O for the District's Kyocera Mita copy machine. Joe Madison moved to accept the offer; Dana Coats seconded and motioned passed. Melanie stated that she met with the Clark County REMC to discuss a possible partnership on the PAT project, and on promoting low maintenance landscaping. REMC has agreed to furnish the PAT project with 1,000 brochures promoting the "right tree in the right place." They have also agreed to a pilot project offering rebates on electric mowers and weed eaters to help promote low maintenance landscaping. Melanie will be meeting with REMC Friday morning to discuss details.

Inspecting the landfill was discussed. Joe Madison stated that he would do the inspection, but would prefer to have assistance. Melanie will check to see who can help.

## CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

Two were presented for signature.

## CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

With no further business, Sam Hagest adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Melanie Davis  
Secretary