

June 7, 2010

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Bruce Adams, Peg Wright, Dana Coots, Tami Kruer, Matt Bell, Jennifer Kipper, Laura Fribley, and Melanie Davis.

Sam asked for additions or corrections to the May minutes. Hearing none, Peg moved to approve minutes as written; Dana seconded, and motion carried.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

Tami presented a summary of the qualifications of the applicants for the Marvin Wright Scholarship on behalf of the scholarship committee. The committee recommended awarding the scholarship to Curtis Morgan, a senior at New Washington High School. Peg made a motion to award the scholarship to Curtis; Bruce seconded, and motion passed.

Melanie reported the 2008 CWI SNRG will be ending June 30, 2010. By that date, the district will have spent \$925 of the \$3,316 remaining in the grant, leaving \$2,391 to go back to the State. She noted that the District still does not have a technician for the 2010 CWI grant to run the light bar and drill rental program. Pat Larr is not interested in the position; Joe Madison is undecided. Laura Fribley stated that the 2010 grants are very flexible, so if another avenue was taken to achieve the same results, it would be acceptable. Staff will work on promoting the program and the need for a technician during the 4H fair.

Melanie stated that guests and activities for the 4H fair have been scheduled. A work day will be scheduled closer to the date of the fair. Supervisors will decide which night of the fair they will work at that time. Peg moved to purchase a new bench to replace the old wrought iron bench that has broken. Bruce seconded, and motion carried.

Re-submitting the District's budget request for 2010 funds was discussed. Requests filed by June 23<sup>rd</sup>, will be considered by the County Council at their July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting; those filed by July 21<sup>st</sup>, will be considered at the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Since the July meeting falls during the 4H fair, it was decided to delay filing the request until July 21<sup>st</sup>.

No other old business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Laura Fribley facilitated discussion and revision of the District's 2006-2011 Business Plan.

Tami announced that the free Water Quality Workshop is coming up next Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the 4H Food Stand. Speakers will be: Bryan Wallace, David Trotter, Carolyn Clark, and Skye Schelle. There will be a free drawing for a rain barrel kit.

IDEM has forwarded a Memorandum of Understanding between the SWCD and IDEM regarding the implementation of Rule 5. The district is to read the MOU, select the appropriate level of participation, sign the document, and return it to IDEM by September 2010. The district currently participates at Technical Level 2, and after discussion, supervisors agreed to maintain services at that level.

Tami reported that the last landfill inspection was done in May 2009 by Phil Collins, Kevin Feder (Floyd County), and Rick Schroeder (IDEM). Another inspection is due. Matt has agreed to do the inspection with Kevin and Rick. Rick will be contacted for a time.

Tami distributed copies of the procedures the FAC Committee will follow in negotiating a new office space lease. The committee set the boundary of where they would seek space. They must give consideration to other federal space available within the boundary as well as other factors. The Fair Board will receive notification of the lease process.

River Friendly Farmer applications are due to the State office by June 15th. Staff reviewed last year's list of nominees and recommended Tom King, Dallas Lowery, and Dana Coots be considered. Supervisors agreed that application forms should be sent to those three persons.

No other new business

#### STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, Acting NRCS District Conservationist, reported that she spoke at the Chicks on the Farm workshop May 8<sup>th</sup>; the vacancy announcement for the DC position closed May 18<sup>th</sup>, but there has been no news of when a selection will be made; Jenny Vogel and Ruth Hackman will be acting in Jennifer's absence next week while she is on leave; and Shannon Winks has been named as the new wildlife biologist for this area replacing Nate Yazel. Jennifer stated that she has been following-up on problem contracts. EQIP and WHIP money has been spent for the year. Another general CRP enrollment will probably occur sometime in July.

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.

#### CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

#### CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laura Fribley distributed information on the 2010 Cornerstones of Leadership workshops.

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

Melanie Davis  
Secretary