

March 3, 2006

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2006.

Those present were Joe Madison, Dana Coots, Amil Kleinert, Steve Hall, Pat Larr, Tami Kruer, and Melanie Davis.

Dana Coots called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Dana asked for additions or corrections to the February minutes. Hearing none, Amil Kleinert moved to approve minutes as written; Joe Madison seconded, and motion carried.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

Melanie Davis reported that the staff prepared and submitted the District's Clean Water Indiana grant application last Friday. Funds in the amount of \$16,500 were requested to cover expenses that would include: hiring three persons on contract that were familiar with the area and the local farmers to sell the buffer programs, printing newsletters and other publications, paying miscellaneous expenses, and paying bonus incentives for buffer acreage exceeding the goal. The goal of the grant would be to double the acreage of buffers installed over the average of the last eight years. Melanie spoke with Jerod Chew, Division of Soil Conservation, concerning the details of the grant program. He informed her that applications would probably not be approved until the April State Soil Conservation board meeting. In addition, there has been no decision as to how money will be distributed among the districts, or how it will be distributed to individual districts once their applications are approved; whether in arrears or upfront. Melanie stated that she also was able to get the District on the list for the District Visits Program.

Tami Kruer distributed a list of contact organizations, a survey, and a letter of invitation that were used in the District's last long-range planning effort. Supervisors and staff reviewed the list of organizations and updated contact person(s) for each one; other organizations were added. Minor changes were made to the survey. The first meeting of the locally led process will be Monday morning, April 10, 2006. Breakfast will be served.

## NEW BUSINESS

Tami distributed pictures of the roofs of the exhibit buildings. Paint is peeling off the roofs and littering the exhibit area; the covered building is especially bad. Options for repainting them were discussed. Supervisors asked staff to seek quotes for painting. Melanie stated that she spoke with Scott Harvey at Bass Pro Shops about having an exhibit or giving demonstrations at this year's Fair. He seemed agreeable to do so, but said he would have to speak with the general manager of the store before committing to it. Melanie said that Jason Emmons, Bear Hollow Wood Shop, would be coming to carve once again and would be bringing a display about the timber industry to set up. Melanie plans to have an agricultural exhibit also in order to compliment the forestry, and fish and wildlife exhibits.

## STAFF REPORTS

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, reported that she had just finished the first EQIP round of sign-ups, and has been busy with conservation planning for EQIP ranking, and EQIP follow-up for next year's practices. She presented two conservation plans for signature on CRP waterways; Tonya Broughton and Mike Johnson landowners. She assisted District staff in preparing the CWI grant application.

Jared Sawin, Urban Conservation Specialist, was not able to attend but submitted a written report of his activities. Steve Hall noted corrections to the Post-Construction Workshop flyer attached to Jared's report. The correct date and location is Friday, March 24, at Kye's in Jeffersonville. The workshop will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with lunch provided.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities for the month. In addition she distributed a District Manager/Coordinator/Executive Director position description she compiled after looking at samples from other SWCDs. Joe Madison moved to have an Executive Session in order to discuss Tami's change in position title and description, time to be announced. Amil Kleinert seconded, and motion carried.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, announced that she spoke yesterday with Waneta Lowe, Division of Soil Conservation. She informed Melanie that the District will soon be receiving reimbursement for administrative costs in reviewing Rule 5 plans from 2001 to 2005, in the amount of \$1,530. This represents payment for 102 plans at \$15 each plan. Melanie advised supervisors that the video conference portion of the Supervisor Workshop on March 9<sup>th</sup> will be videotaped so that those not able to attend can view the tape at a later date. She was also told by Jerod Chew that he would be willing to do one-on-one or small group training in this area if requested. Melanie also received email notification that the IASWCD will be providing \$750 to each of the association's eight regions to be used for the NACD Legislative Conference. The money is payable after the conference when receipts are provided to the state Association office. IASWCD has advised that districts should not use public funding for lobbying trips; therefore, individuals attending the conference will be personally responsible for expenses not covered by the scholarship.

CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

Tonya Broughton and Mike Johnson plans signed.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

With no further business, Dana Coots adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Melanie Davis  
Secretary