

March 7, 2008

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coats, Peg Wright, Amil Kleinert, Sylvia Hottel, Pat Larr, Mike Johnson, Jared Sawin, and Melanie Davis. Not present were Bruce Adams and Tami Krueer.

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

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

In response to Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D's request to appoint or reappoint a representative for their council, the board agreed to reappoint Bob Bowen.

Melanie stated that response has been good to the buffer incentives. Applications have been received from James Deathy, Kevin Stumler, Sam Hagest, and Mike Johnson. Total acreage is 26.49 acres; total dollars for incentive payments is \$11, 918.50. There is approximately \$8,000 left in the grant for incentives.

Melanie presented the new Conservation Partnership Cooperative Working Agreement for review. Peg moved to sign the new agreement; Dana seconded and motion passed.

The Indiana Conservation Partnership's Leadership Institute's "Cornerstones of Leadership Series" is coming to Clark County in August of this year. "Leadership in Change" is the 1<sup>st</sup> of a four-part series being offered to District supervisors and staff. The planning committee for the event would like a district supervisor or staff person from Clark County to serve on the committee and provide local input. Supervisors suggested either Tami or Sylvia to serve.

Distributing pre-packaged, 5 lb. bags of wildlife seed this spring was discussed. Melanie had contacted Lewis Seed for pricing. Bags are \$2.00 each, and contain a mix of 60% milo, 30%

millet, and 10% buckwheat. Supervisors agreed to purchase 300 lbs. of seed and sell it for \$3.00 per bag. Sam will pick up the order when it is ready.

## STAFF REPORTS

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, reported that new funds will be available through CRP for land enrolled for Henslow's sparrow habitat. NRCS received 26 Contribution Agreements and those are currently being reviewed. Pat also reviewed new EQIP contract sign-up info and discussed participation in Clark and Scott counties.

Jared Sawin, Urban Conservation Specialist, presented a written report and a copy of the latest "Storm Informer" newsletter.

Sylvia Hottel, Silver Creek Watershed Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities. In addition, she spoke to the 4H Horse & Pony group last week. She presented a letter from FMSM regarding their name change to Santec. They are requiring the board's approval to change the name on our contract with them. The board agreed to sign.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator/Executive Director, was not present, but presented a written report of her activities.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, reported that the valves in the floor of the exhibit building have burst and are in need of repair. Supervisors asked Melanie to contact the plumber. Melanie noted that she is planning an Earth Day/Arbor Day event for April 25<sup>th</sup> as part of the Plant A Tree project. Project partners will be invited, and several speakers are scheduled. The annual financial report is ready to be reviewed by supervisors. The report must be submitted by March 31<sup>st</sup> to the State Office. Peg and Dana agreed to review it.

## CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

One plan was presented for signature.

## CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- HHH RC&D Annual Meeting, Monday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. RSVP by March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- City of Charlestown Local Business Owners and Managers Appreciation Dinner, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., Arts & Enrichment Center, 999 Water St., Charlestown. RSVP by March 13<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business, Sam Hagest adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Melanie Davis  
Secretary