

May 7, 2004

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, May 6, 2004.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Amil Kleinert, Joe Madison, Tami Kruer, Bryan Wallace, Pat Larr, and Melanie Davis.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Sam Hagest asked for additions or corrections to the April minutes. Hearing none, Amil Kleinert moved to approve minutes as written; Joe Madison seconded and motion carried.

The Financial report was reviewed. Melanie Davis presented additional reports to show revenue from the tree sale, and to give supervisors an update on the status of the District budget. Joe Madison moved to approve the financial report; Dana Coots seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The staff presented a plan for 4-H Fair activities. Tami Kruer stated that the staff decided it would be better to concentrate on three nights of the Fair, instead of having activities each night. Monday is typically slow and Friday is filled with many other events. Tuesday night will be Forestry and Wildlife, Wednesday will be Conservation and Agriculture, and Thursday will be Fish, Wildlife and Wetlands. Melanie is seeking sponsorship from Bass Pro Shops to cover the expense of the chainsaw carver and Raptor Rehab. In addition, she asked Bass Pro to donate fishing poles to be given away on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Melanie will be contacting Orscheln to see if they will donate a pair of work boots to give away on Wednesday night. The activities for each night were reviewed. Repair of the fish tank was discussed. Staff recommended a product called DRYLOK Waterproofer to seal the tank; supervisors approved.

Melanie reviewed the status of USDA's convergence to CCE compliant computers. The USDA email system is currently being migrated to Microsoft Exchange/Outlook. UNIX servers will be shut down July 1. At that point, District employees will lose the ability to send email. District email goes through the IASWCD server, which cannot handle outgoing mail. According to Steve Antras, the District will still have internet access. Steve also stated that the computer Bryan is using is an NRCS computer designated for District use. It would be possible to set up email for Tami and Melanie on that computer so that they could check their email. Another option would be to purchase a CCE compliant computer(s). These computers are available through Gateway at a USDA contracted price of \$765.00 each (includes tower and keyboard). Pat Larr stated that the advantages to having CCE compliant computer would be replacing the

older District machines that will soon be outdated, and having the capability for District employees to access Toolkit, ArcView, and the USDA network. Joe Madison moved that the District purchase one CCE compliant computer; Dana Coats seconded; motion carried.

The District Work Plan was reviewed. Upcoming action steps were noted. It was decided that the Work Plan be reviewed bi-monthly in order to properly carry it out. Melanie will add it to the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Pat Larr led a discussion about the Phase II Permit implementation strategy for Clark County, Clarksville, Jeffersonville, and Sellersburg, Indiana. Phase II is a non-funded, Federally mandated program that communities have to follow. This is the first year of the permit. Communities have hired consultants to develop an implementation plan, but the consultants have not determined how funding will be obtained to accomplish the tasks in the plan. Pat talked to the consultants and the Jeffersonville Drainage Board about their feelings on the District taking the lead on the items the District has already been doing for years: public education and outreach, public involvement and participation, and construction site runoff control. If the District does not do the tasks, the communities will have to hire consultants to accomplish them. Once communities take responsibility for the Phase II implementation, Pat, Mike Johnson, and Lynn Miller will not be able to review construction site plans; a community employee or District employee will have to review them. Payroll for additional employees would have to come from the communities. An agreement would need to be signed by the communities committing their resources to the project. Pat suggested preparing a proposal of what the District can do for the communities in Phase II permit implementation and present it to Mr. Lanz. Supervisors agreed to do so.

STAFF REPORTS

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, presented three conservation plans for the Ryan and Covert families for approval and signature.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities for the past month. She stated that the Earth Day event went well with about 100-150 people and media coverage. A similar event is being planned for next year. Ag Day was hampered by the cold weather and rain, however, Tami's presentation went well.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, reported that she had been working on events for the 4-H Fair. She recently received notification that the NACD North Central Region Conference will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Illinois, July 11-14. She also received notice that resolutions for the 2005 Annual Business Meeting are now being accepted.

Bryan Wallace, Urban Project Coordinator, reported that he attended two Earth Day activities, here and at The Falls of the Ohio. He has marked storm drains with groups, attended the Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D Annual Meeting, and spoke to a small home school group regarding

nonpoint source pollution and the storm drain marking program. He is preparing the last newsletter of his grant.

CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

With no further business, Sam Hagest adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Melanie Davis
Secretary