

May 8, 2009

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Amil Kleinert, Bruce Adams, Pat Larr, Tami Kruer, Phil Collins, and Melanie Davis. Not present was Peg Wright.

Sam asked for additions or corrections to the April minutes. Hearing none, Bruce Adams moved to approve minutes as written; Dana Coots seconded, and motion carried.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

The Annual Work Plan was reviewed and updated.

Tami stated that Rick Schroeder of IDEM, is available to assist with the landfill inspection on May 14 or the week of May 18. It was mentioned that Floyd County has been inspecting the landfill on a regular basis. Tami will contact for a copy of their last inspection, and to arrange a date that Kevin Feder and Phil can do the inspection with Rick.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Selling small bags of wildlife seed was discussed. Melanie stated that the supply of bulk seed obtained from the State has been exhausted. Supervisors decided that a small amount of seed could be ordered if staff desired, and if not, staff could wait until next year and order the seed earlier in the spring. Melanie had contacted a representative of Quail Unlimited to inquire about free seed they distribute each spring, and was told that his chapter would consider adding Clark County to their list for next year.

Tami informed the board that the no-till drill had been involved in an auto accident when it was being rented by the Popp family. One of the tires was damaged. The Popp repaired the tire, but supervisors determined the tire needed to be replaced. Tami will contact the Popp to cover the cost. Melanie will contact George's Tires of Seymour to obtain a new tire.

Tami stated that there has been some confusion with Brian Dixon, of the county Drainage Board, as far as the plan reviews and site inspections Phil does in the county. Tami is planning a meeting of representatives of the Drainage Board and the commissioners to try to resolve the confusion.

4H Fair activities were discussed. Aquatic Control will be doing a presentation on Monday night; a no-till drill workshop will be given Tuesday; Raptor Rehab, the beekeepers, and Navilleton Shrimp farm will be present on Wednesday; Carolyn Clark will answer questions about rain barrels on Thursday and the Smart Car from the Chamber of Commerce will be here; no activities for Friday night. Dana and Sam will try to find a no-till drill manufacturer's rep that can give a presentation for the workshop. A discount will be offered to workshop attendees of \$5 per acre drill rental, one-time rental, \$50 minimum applies. Other items: the path and flower bed needs to be sprayed for weeds, the storage shed needs painting as do the roofs of the exhibit buildings, and the Natural Resources area sign needs to be replaced. Staff will check on the cost to replace the sign with a metal sign.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, reported that she has working on plans for EQIP sign-ups. She has the new rates and rules for EQIP and currently has twelve applications between Scott and Clark Counties. Tillage transects will be done again this year. Pat received notice that Districts will be billed soon for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2009 rental space; they will not be billed for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2008.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator/Executive Director, reported that she received one scholarship application by the deadline. Supervisors decided to extend the deadline for applications until the end of June. Phil, Pat, and Tami recently met with Steve Hall of Stantec regarding the County's MS4 program. The County's population has dropped due to recent annexations, which could lead them to opt out of the program once the 2010 Census figures are reported. The process of updating the MOA's of all the communities will begin in January. Stantec will be implementing a training program to certify persons to do their own inspections. It is a possibility that the District could be involved in taking registration fees for this program and retaining a percentage.

Phil Collins, Urban Conservation Specialist, presented a written report.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, presented a written report.

#### CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

#### CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Letter from Purdue Extension requesting the sponsorship of the 4H Soil and Water Conservation trophy. Supervisors agreed to do so.

Letter from IDEM stating that the Silver Creek Watershed plan met their specifications.

Letter from IDEM stating that there was over \$26,000 in unused funds for the Silver Creek Watershed project that can now not be billed.

Letter from the SSCB stating that they have extended the District's 2008 CMIG grant until October 31, 2009.

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

Melanie Davis  
Secretary