

November 7, 2008

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

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

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

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

Laura Fribley advised the board that the deadline to register for the Leadership Institute "Communication" workshop November 21-22 at the New Harmony has been extended until Friday, November 7. Laura distributed copies of a Supervisor Recruitment Tool for supervisors to complete regarding the attributes they bring to the District board. Laura will compile the answers and provide them to the board.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Melanie presented a report on the no-till drill income from 2003-2008. Bruce Adams moved to rescind the motion made previously to sell the drill, and instead, purchase the necessary parts to repair it to working order. Amil seconded, and motion carried. Supervisors will discuss drill rental policy and procedure in the spring of next year.

Melanie stated that she needs to submit the nominees for the elected supervisor position to the State association by December 1. Dana Coots is up for re-election this year; Melanie was advised that Dana will run again. Melanie presented a bid from Rolling Pin Catering to cater the Annual Meeting. Prices have increased this year. A two-meat dinner is \$11 per person, up from \$10 last year. Drinks are an additional \$1 per person; travel charge is \$50. Peg moved to have the Rolling Pin cater the meal, and the District subsidizes \$2 of the cost of a meal ticket so that the ticket price remains \$10. Bruce seconded and motion carried.

Melanie distributed copies of what the IASWCD Farm Bureau Insurance Policy covers for Districts. It does not include E&O coverage. Supervisors questioned whether the no-till drill was covered. Melanie will check with the insurance rep.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Amil announced that next year may be his last as an appointed supervisor. He is considering leaving the board because of other commitments.

Laura was unable to give her presentation on business plans due to technical difficulties. She suggested setting a date to review the District's plan outside of a board meeting so that sufficient time could be spent reviewing it. Supervisors set February 3, 2009, at 10 a.m. for the business plan meeting.

Melanie stated that delegates for Annual Conference need to be selected and submitted by November 14. Dana will be the delegate, and Bruce the alternate. Dates for the conference are January 13-15, 2009.

NACD has requested membership dues for 2009 at a minimum of \$775. Peg moved to pay the dues in the amount of \$775; Amil seconded and motion carried. Melanie announced that the District has won the 2008 North Central Region Collaborative Conservation Award, and has been invited to NACD's Annual Conference in New Orleans in 2009. The Appreciation Banquet will be Tuesday, February 3. Winning the award qualifies the District for National competition.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, reported on her activities of the past month.

Sylvia Hottel, Silver Creek Watershed Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities. Sylvia noted that all the trees for the Riparian buffer on Dan Cristiani's property were hand-planted by Rick Harvey of Leavenworth, IN.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator/Executive Director, presented a written report of her activities.

Phil Collins, Urban Conservation Specialist, presented a written report of his activities, and noted that everything was going well with his position.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities. Melanie stated that the District Showcase tour will be Thursday, November 13. Representatives from NACD, NRCS, and IASWCD will arrive here at approximately 10 a.m. A brief presentation will be given in the Natural Resources area before starting on a tour that will end at the Forest Discovery Center in Starlight. Participants will take a late lunch at Huber's before leaving. Commissioner Mike Moore will be in attendance as will Mike Nicholson from Nicholson Printing, and possibly Dale Moss from the Courier-Journal. Melanie read a memo from ISDA regarding the disaster assistance that they are providing – T-Cap. SWCDs can participate in promoting this program if they so desire.

#### CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

#### CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Melanie Davis  
Secretary