

October 8, 2004

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, October 7, 2004.

Those present were Amil Kleinert, Peg Wright, Tami Kruer, Joe Madison, Mike Johnson, Pat Larr, Margie Zoglmann, and Melanie Davis.

Amil Kleinert called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Amil asked for additions or corrections to the September minutes. Hearing none, Joe Madison moved to approve minutes as written; Peg Wright seconded and motion carried.

The Financial report was reviewed. Peg Wright moved to approve the financial report; Joe Madison seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion of the Staffing/Funding Proposal for Rule 13 Implementation was lead by Pat Larr. As of November 1, the communities of Jeffersonville, Clarksville, Sellersburg, and Clark County are supposed to begin implementing their non-point pollution plans. The proposal provides the dollars and staff hours needed to assist in the educational components and the construction site inspections required by Phase II regulations. Under this proposal, the District would continue with its present educational activities and site inspections, however, it would also develop educational programs that could be used by communities to meet their Phase II requirements. An example of such would be allowing the communities to use the District's Earth Day display in order to satisfy the requirement for an Earth Day exhibit. The narrative of the proposal states that additional staff would be needed to maintain current programs and provide Rule 13 assistance to the communities. Pat presented a summary of roles and responsibilities to be carried out by the City Staff, SWCD, and the engineering firms JTL and FMSM, under the proposal. She also presented a staffing/funding proposal summary. One part-time staff person to work on educational activities, and one full-time person to work on construction site inspections/plan reviews would be needed. Funds would be needed to cover salary, insurances, mileage, supplies, and possibly office rent. The total cost of \$71,390 would be divided among the four communities involved. It was noted that the proposal was not a money-making project, but one that would help the communities and protect our resources. Jeffersonville has expressed interest in signing a contract for the District's services immediately, however, the other communities have not made a commitment. Peg Wright moved to pursue the proposal to see if

Clarksville, Clark County, and Sellersburg will commit; Joe Madison seconded and motion carried.

Melanie Davis advised supervisors that she has received the paperwork for the District's 2005 Annual Meeting and supervisor election. Amil Kleinert's term as an appointed supervisor is expiring, as is Joe Madison's elected term. Joe Madison moved to appoint Sam Hagest, Dana Coots and Peg Wright to the election committee. Peg Wright seconded and motion passed. Joe Madison moved to reappoint Amil Kleinert to the position of supervisor; Peg Wright seconded and motion carried. Melanie stated that she had advertised for the catered meal and had received a bid from Rolling Pin Catering. The Rolling Pin offered \$8, \$9, and \$10 menus to select from. Supervisors opted to go with the \$10 menu. Date of the Annual Meeting is Thursday, January 27, 2005.

Melanie presented a profit and loss report for the Fall Tree Sale. The District realized a net income of \$2,115.05. Melanie asked if supervisors would like to reserve trees for a spring 2005 sale, and they agreed for her to do so.

NEW BUSINESS

Melanie reported that the 2005 IASWCD Annual Conference would be held January 9-12. Selection of delegate and alternate is due to IASWCD by November. Joe Madison moved to nominate Sam Hagest as delegate and Dana Coots as alternate; Peg Wright seconded and motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Mike Johnson, IDNR Resource Specialist, reported that he had spent a great deal of time working on CRP waterways over the past month, and therefore, limited time on reviewing stormwater pollution prevention plans. Mike responded to one landowner's report of illegal dumping in a creek in the Artic Springs area, however he was unable to locate the site.

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, reported that she has been working on conservation plans for CRP waterways. She also said that the CRP wetland on Fenley Farm has been completed. She presently has two active contracts for the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program, and has done three planning visits with the biologists for potential contracts. The migration of EQIP from FSA to NRCS for the administrative tasks involved with that program has been finalized, and the EWP project in Borden was completed as of yesterday.

Margie Zoglmann, Grazing Specialist, presented a written quarterly report for her grant project, and a grant balance sheet. Since preparing the balance sheet, she has received another cost-share application, which she will forward to IDEM next week. Margie has accepted a position with the Perry County Extension office and will be leaving the grant project on October 29th. She thanked everyone for the support and assistance they have provided her. The next Steering Committee meeting will be October 21, 8:30 a.m., location to be announced. Interviews for the Specialist position will the following week.

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

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, stated that John Harstern of the Community Foundation had contacted her. He would like to attend the District's November 4th board meeting to discuss the District's endowment, and what funds are available for distribution.

CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

With no further business, Amil Kleinert adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Melanie Davis
Secretary