

October 1, 2008

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

Those present were Sam Hagest, Dana Coots, Peg Wright, Amil Kleinert, Bruce Adams, Sylvia Hottel, Tami Kruer, Laura Fribley, and Melanie Davis.

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

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

Laura Fribley advised the board of upcoming supervisor election deadlines and discussed methods of recruiting supervisors. Sylvia suggested asking the Silver Creek Watershed Steering Committee members if they would like to participate as Associate supervisors. Laura distributed information on the Leadership Institute "Communication" workshop that will be held November 21-22, 2008, at the New Harmony Inn & Conference Center, New Harmony, IN. Deadline for registration is November 5. Laura announced that the IRS has determined that supervisors are employees of the District, and their per diem earnings should be taxed; w2s should be issued to them. ISDA, in cooperation with the IRS, will be offering trainings for Districts in order to bring everyone up to speed on this issue. Trainings will be offered in November and December. District Support Specialists have been asked to prepare a presentation on District law for Annual Conference. DSSs are also gathering stories of District successes to incorporate into their presentation and their District "SWCD Success Gazette".

OLD BUSINESS

Tami stated that the District board met in Executive Session earlier in the evening to interview candidates for the Urban Conservation Specialist position. References given by the candidates will be contacted, and the results should be available by Friday. The board will meet Monday in a regular session at 3:45 p.m. to consider the results.

NEW BUSINESS

Melanie presented quotes for the purchase of a new no-till drill. Quotes ranged from \$17,000 to \$29,000, depending on the make of drill. Supervisors considered the quotes and discussed the District's drill program. Bruce Adams made a motion to discontinue the drill program and sell the District's Great Plains drill. Amil Kleinert seconded and motion carried.

Soil tests done through the District's Sediment & Nutrient Reduction Grant were discussed at length.

Melanie stated that a Nominating Committee for supervisor election needed to be formed and names submitted to the state office by November 1. Committee members will be: Sam Hagest, Melanie Davis, and Tami Kruer. Bruce moved that Peg Wright be re-appointed as a supervisor. Dana seconded and motion carried. Peg's information will be sent to the state office by November 1. Melanie stated that she contacted Rolling Pin Catering and January 29, 2009, was available. Although no longer a requirement, supervisors requested that Melanie run a legal ad to solicit catering bids.

STAFF REPORTS

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, was not present for a report

Sylvia Hottel, Silver Creek Watershed Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities.

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

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities.

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