

September 8, 2006

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, September 7, 2006.

Those present were Joe Madison, Dana Coots, Sam Hagest, Amil Kleinert, Jared Sawin, Laura Fribley, Pat Larr, Tami Kruer, and Melanie Davis.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Laura Fribley facilitated discussion and completion of the 2006-2011 District business plan.

NEW BUSINESS

The date for the District's Annual Meeting was set for January 25, 2007, with an alternate date of February 1. Melanie will advertise for caterers this month.

Melanie reported that IASWCD Annual Conference will be held January 16, 17, and 18, 2007. Names of delegates and alternates need to be submitted by November 8, 2006, to IASWCD. Joe Madison was selected as delegate for Clark County; Dana Coots was selected as alternate.

STAFF REPORTS

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, has been working on general signup CRP conservation plans and plans for re-enrollment. She has been encouraging landowners to get work underway as CRP waterways need to be seeded by September 30th. An EQIP waterway for Kendall Hostetler was recently completed.

Jared Sawin, Urban Conservation Specialist, reported that he represented the District at Sellersburg Celebrates. He has drafted a thank-you note to Ken Alexander for letting us use the space there. The Fall newsletter will be going out in September to all the municipalities.

Tami Kruer, Education Coordinator/Executive Director, presented a written report of her activities. She reported that County budget hearings were held this week. Tami was contacted today by Barbara Hollis,

County Council member, regarding the \$3,000 line item for rent, and the Urban Conservation budget. Tami explained that NRCS began charging the District rent this year, but that they provided many services such as internet, phone, and supplies. She also explained that the Urban Conservation budget was for Jared Sawin to assist the MS4's with their Phase II requirements, and that his salary was paid by the municipalities. Barbara seemed to be satisfied with that information.

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, reported that she has spent most of the month working on Clean Water Indiana grant applications, and the Fall tree sale. She has also been working on a project idea – “Color Clark County, Plant a Tree For You and Me” – modeled after Hoosier Heartland RC&D's Plant A Million trees campaign. The project includes a kick-off event on Arbor Day 2007, a Backyard Tree Farmer program, “Treetures” program for kids, promotion of the Forest Legacy and other Federal programs, promotion of the Tree City USA program, and an annual District Fall tree sale.

Laura Fribley, District Support Specialist, distributed a summary of the Indiana code regarding public meetings. She has received several calls from Districts regarding this topic.

CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

Schowe Heritage Farm plan was reviewed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Community Foundation will be holding its Annual Fund Holder's Meeting from 5:30-7:30 p.m., September 21, 2006, at the Calumet Club, 1614 East Spring St., New Albany, IN.

With no further business, Sam Hagest adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Melanie Davis
Secretary