

September 5, 2008

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Guest, Nathan Grimes, Renaissance Design Build, presented his company's proposal to review erosion and sediment control plans and do site inspections for the District. The board will consider his proposal and advise him of their decision.

Dana asked for additions or corrections to the August minutes. Hearing none, Peg moved to approve minutes as written; Bruce seconded, and motion carried.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

Tami contacted Kevin Fetter, Floyd County SWCD, to see if he would be interested in reviewing plans until someone is hired for the Urban Conservationist position; Kevin declined to do so. She also spoke with Mike Johnson. Mike was interested, but needed to get his supervisor's approval; to date, he has not received an answer. Another option would be to pay Denise Daily to do the plan reviews. Denise charges \$250 for a review and two site inspections. Peg moved to ask Mike to do the plan review that is due tomorrow for \$150 and the one due next Thursday if we don't have anything else in place, and ask what his price would be for site inspections to include mileage and hourly rate. Bruce seconded the motion; motion passed. Bruce moved to contact Denise Daily if Mike cannot do the reviews, and offer her \$150 for each review. If she does not accept that amount, pay her regular fee of \$250. Peg seconded and motion carried. Tami presented a list and brief credentials of the ten applicants for the Urban Conservationist position. After discussing the applicants, Bruce moved to advertise the position in the Courier-Journal newspaper this Sunday and one other day, with a deadline for responses of September 15. Peg seconded the motion and motion carried.

Melanie recently spoke again with Richard Geboy about partnering with FWS on the purchase of a no-till drill. He stated that FWS's maximum contribution would be \$5,000 because they do not want to take ownership of any equipment. Richard recommended checking with Tye and Sukup on the cost of their drills to see they would be less than Great Plains or Truax. After discussion, it was decided that Dana would contact Jacobi's for a price on a Great Plains 7-ft. drill with warm season grass, legume, and small grains box, and an acre meter. Melanie will contact a Tye distributor for a cost on a similar Tye drill.

Melanie stated that Crop Production has begun soil testing for the Soil & Nutrient Reduction Grant. Cost for tests has ranged from \$227-\$497. Brian notified her that he will be trying to finish up on testing this week.

Tami reported that County Budget Sessions began on Wednesday and would continue through Saturday. She canceled the District's appointment to meet with the council because supervisors had other commitments.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Melanie distributed copies of the District's Business plan. After a brief review, supervisors decided to review and update the plan at the November board meeting.

Annual Conference will be January 12-14, 2009. September 5 is the deadline to submit resolutions and to nominate employees for IDEA recognition awards; September 12 is the deadline for Supervisor of the Year nominations. Delegate names for Annual Conference are due to the state office by November 14. Delegates are encouraged to attend the briefing session on January 13, but are required to attend the business meeting on January 14.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, reported that she has been busy with end-of-the-year projects including highly erodible land and wetland determinations, and CRP re-enrollment.

Sylvia Hottel, Silver Creek Watershed Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities. Sylvia advised that Stantec has not replied to the letter she sent last month. She received a message from Karen that the macroinvertebrate testing will be done next week, and that we should receive all the monitoring data from them in October. Our contract with them expires in October so a second testing will have to be done immediately in order to fulfill the contract. IDEM has suggested that we ask Stantec to postpone the second macroinvertebrate testing until March, even though it would be outside the contract time frame. Sylvia has asked them, but has not received a response.

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

Melanie Davis, Administrative Coordinator, presented a written report of her activities. In addition, she announced that the District won one of the IASWCD District Showcase awards for the Plant A Tree project. IASWCD representatives will be visiting the District in the near future to do interviews and videotape.

Laura Fribley, District Support Specialist, announced that the Leadership Institute's Cornerstone Communication workshop will be held November 21-22 in New Harmony, IN. She also distributed copies of District Law Module 4, which was reviewed and discussed.

#### CONSERVATION PLANS FOR BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

None.

#### CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

With no further business, Dana Coats adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Melanie Davis  
Secretary

