April 2, 2025 – Board Meeting Minutes

The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular board meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. Those present were Jerry Roach (Vice Chair), Kelly Adams (Board Member), Peg Wright (Board Member), Loren Christman (Board Member), Tami Kruer (CCSWCD), Drew McCutchan (NRCS), and Cole Flatt (Resilient Indiana), Laura Fribley (ISDA).

Previous Minutes:

Jerry asked for additions or corrections to the March minutes. Tami pointed out that there were two sets of minutes to approve: the regular board meeting minutes and the minutes of the Annual Meeting. Loren moved to approve both sets of minutes as written; Kelly seconded, and the motion carried.

Financial Report:

Tami presented the financial report, bank statements and claim docket. Kelly moved to approve; Peg seconded. All approved.

Guest Report:

Drew McCutchen: Gave his monthly update and conservation talking point.
Cole Flatt: Cole gave an oral report.
Laura Fribley:

Old Business:

George Rogers Clark Land Trust: Jerry shared information about the GRCLT Community Engagement Event which was held. The GRCLT hopes to increase participation through increased members of the board of directors, financial support, grant funding, etc.
Upcoming Events: Tami presented a schedule of upcoming events that Morgan has prepared concerning the Weed Wrangles, Project Wet, Project Learning Tree, etc.
Business Plans: The Business Plan and an Annual Plan of Work were provided to the board for consideration. Peg moved to approve the SWCD Business Plan and Annual Plan of work; Kelly seconded the motion. All approved.
Exhibit Area Update: Plans for the Exhibit Area were discussed.
Little Seed Library: In addition to the suggested Little Free Library, Morgan had presented an option for a Seed library to the board. This seed library would be big enough for an assortment of native seeds and a check in sheet. The district staff would maintain the Library and promote it. Consensus was that the District Board would cover the cost of the seed box. The library box and post will be covered through personal donations from Supervisors and Staff, and not through District Funds.
Farmers Helping Hellbenders: Upcoming meeting, May 11th. Jerry will attend.
SWCD Supervisor: Loren Christman encouraged the Board to begin a search to replace him on the SWCD Board. He will remain on the Board until a replacement is found.
Financial Report: Tami mentioned the difficulties that have occurred with getting the AFR to balance. This has been an ongoing issue, which has been noted in the past including in the last SBOA Audit report. Kelly mentioned the firm that she uses in Jeffersonville and provided Tami with the information. The Board feels the need to take steps to try to resolve the situation. Laura provided some information about how Scott County manages their financial reporting. Tami will make some contacts ASAP.
Policy/Position Statements: Jerry mentioned that the GRCLT had developed a policy statement concerning solar farms. Jerry questioned whether that is something that the SWCD should do. Laura mentioned that some SWCDs have position statements, and the importance for Supervisors to clarify when they are speaking for themselves. Laura offered to send some sample position statements to Tami for the Board to review.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Kelly moved to approved retaining the current officers; Peg seconded the motion. All approved.

Declaration of a Depository: Loren moved to retain The New Washington State Bank as the depository for the Clark SWCD; Kelly seconded the motion. All approved.

Additional Appropriation Request: Tami mentioned it was the Board's intention to go to the CC for an additional appropriation for the CC. She has the forms that will need to be submitted to the CC to get on the agenda. She will forward a schedule of the CC meetings to Jerry, and they plan to meet prior to Jerry going to a Council meeting. There is also a question about clarifying the type of fund that the SWCD has (reverting vs. non-reverting).

River Friendly Farmer AWARD: Tami shared the information about the River Friendly Farmer Award. Staff discussions have resulted in the name of Randy Wolfe. Drew gave some information about Mr. Wolfe's operation. Consensus was to approach Mr. Wolfe about nominating him for the RFF Award. Drew will contact Mr. Wolfe.

Mowing Contract: Tami presented a draft copy of a mowing contract that Katie Whiteford had given her on behalf of the Corporation Board. It would allow the mowing crew on the Fairgrounds to also mow the SWCD Exhibit Area. There was mention of making sure that the use of herbicides would be limited in the SWCD Natural Resources Area. Tami will ask that the statement be added; funds will be paid from county funds. Loren moved to approve the contract with the addition; Kelly seconded the motion. All approved.

Staff Reports:

Tami Kruer presented an oral report

Morgan Apple was not present.

Lynn Miller was not present for a report.

With no further business, Jerry adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tami Kruer