

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
July 19, 2021
Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held at the Jennings County Community Building due to the Level 2 at the USDA Service Center. Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 6:32 am.

Board Members

Brad Ponsler
Matt Branham
Tom Schneider
Jimmi Berkey
Bob Steiner

Staff

Kelly Kent
Andy Ertel
NRCS
Jenny Vogel via phone in

Reading of the Minute

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the May 2021 minutes as submitted, with a second from Tom Schneider.

Financial Report

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the financial reports (May 26 – July 20, 2021) as submitted, with a second from Tom Schneider.

Correspondence

Jennings County 4-H we received multiple Thank you cards.

IASWCD Dues The state association dues are \$2000. Matt Branham made a motion to pay the dues with a second from Tom Schneider.

JC Community Foundation The district received a letter with a revised policy for the pass-through account which will be assessed an administrative fee of 2% on non-endowed funds. Anytime that we go over the allotted 8 disbursements annually there will be an additional \$20 per disbursement.

Resolutions Submissions are now being accepted for the 2022 Annual Business Meeting.

Old Business

Fair Wrap Up

The supervisors were happy with how the building looked for this year's fair and commented on how many people went through each evening. Kelly thanked Beth Steiner for the donated items that were given away and told the board how much everyone enjoyed winning them.

Andy thanked the board for wanting to improve the building and then partners that assisted with funding this opportunity.

Update on Soil Health Demonstration Field

Andy and Jenny met with Matt to collect data on this demonstration field. Soil test were conducted, and Kelly will keep a binder with the data collected.

Ag Outlook

Andy mentioned that we need ideas for who you would like to get for the Ag Outlook. This will be held at the end of November.

New Business

CCSI Grant The district staff submitted a grant proposal for signage at the Soil Health Demonstration Field. This grant will be reviewed, and notification will be made of the decision.

District Showcase Award – Andy and Kelly submitted the application for Fairgrounds Conservation Building remodel. These awards will be selected, and award winners will be notified.

CRP Completed 2nd Year Andy explained the agreement that we have with the Bartholomew Co SWCD to review CRP practices. This has been completed. Kelly then submits the reimbursement form. During the 2-year period a total of \$11,544 was paid to the district.

GGG Grant Andy updated the board that he had been working with DNR to get 1.5 acres planted in native wildflowers at Tripton Park.

Budget Hearing Brad asked if the Budget Hearing Meeting had been set. As of last week, the Auditor staff person said it had not. Andy will follow up.

5th Grade Field Days The staff has spoke with the school corporation and they plan to allow field days. Andy has contacted Ben at Selmer to see if they are able to host the 5th graders and is waiting for a call back. Andy will follow up.

Agency & Committee Reports

Jenny Vogel – NRCS

Written Report

Andy Ertel – SWCD

Written Report

Kelly Kent – SWCD

Written Report

District Policy

Claims

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Schneider with a second by Matt Branham at 7:16 am.

Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member