

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
April 27, 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 6:35 a.m.

Board Members

Dan Megel
Jimmie Berkey
Brad Ponsler
Tom Schneider
Bob Steiner

Staff

Kelly Kent
Andy Ertel
NRCS
Jenny Vogel

Reading of the Minute

Dan Megel made a motion to accept the March 30, 2021 minutes as submitted, with a second from Tom Schneider

Financial Report

Tom Schneider made a motion to accept the financial reports (March 31 – April 27) as submitted, with a second from Dan Megel.

Correspondence

No Correspondence

Old Business

Disposal of Desktop & Laptop Computers

The district received 2 bids for the computers, the first bid opened was from Isaiah Ertel for \$85, for a laptop and the second bid opened was from Matt Branham for \$80 for a laptop. Dan Megel made a motion to accept both bids with a second from Tom Schneider, all were in favor. There were no bids on the desktop and the board decided to put the option to bid out for one additional month to see if we get anyone interested in the desktop.

Fair – Conservation Building Sign-Up

Kelly emailed the sign-up sheet out and many signed up, it will be emailed out again today for those that have not signed up.

Small Acreage Invasive Species Program

Andy shared the tools that the staff purchased after last month's meeting. To create 2 complete sets, it ended up being a total cost of \$656.26. Tom Schneider made a motion to approve the additional money to have 2 complete sets, with a second from Dan Megel.

Tom mentioned later in the meeting that we may want to investigate purchasing some tank clean out to maintain our sprayers. The staff will investigate this and report back to the board.

New Business

Drill Update

A landowner rented the No-Till Drill and had someone else pull it for him. That person was unaware that he needed it in transport mode and did some damage to it. The Landowner made the repairs from his own pocket. At the same time there was an issue with what was thought to be a wheel bearing. Jacobi Sales went to the farm and made the necessary repair. The part will be covered under warranty and the district will be responsible for the labor and service call.

Letter of Intent

Andy shared with the board a Letter of Intent to apply for a 319 for the Vernon Fork of the Muscatatuck River watershed. Dan Megel made a motion to proceed with a second from Tom Schneider.

IDEA Fall Conference

Kelly asked the board for approval to register for the IDEA Fall Conference to be held in Muncie, IN on October 5 – 7, 2021. Registration is set to open in May. Dan Megel made a motion to allow Andy & Kelly to attend the conference and the board will cover their expenses (registration, 2 nights hotel and meals). With a second from Tom Schneider.

District Staff & Supervisor Shirts

Kelly asked the board to purchase SWCD shirts for the 2 new board members, staff and any other board member who would like to get an additional shirt. Kelly will research options and send out an email with pricing, color options and sizes needed.

Custom Table Covers for Conservation Building

Kelly asked the board to purchase fitted logo table covers to be used at the conservation building, annual meeting, and other events. The cost for 2 is \$326.23 for 2 and they have a promo if you buy 2, they will give you 1 for free. Tom Schneider made a motion to purchase 2 with a second from Dan Megel.

Agency & Committee Reports

Jenny Vogel – NRCS

Written Report

CRP Updates – Fact Sheet available online.

Andy Ertel – SWCD
Written Report

Kelly Kent – SWCD
Written Report

District Policy

Claims

Strategic Plan

Review Annual Plan - Andy shared his thoughts with the board and asked that everyone look at it and share anything they would like to add. This will be updated soon.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Megel with a second by Tom Schneider at 7:45 a.m.

Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member