

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
May 25, 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. Dan Megel called the meeting to order at 6:30 a.m.

Board Members

Dan Megel
Jimmi Berkey
Matt Branham
Tom Schneider
Bob Steiner

Staff

Kelly Kent
Andy Ertel
NRCS
Jenny Vogel

Reading of the Minute

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the April 27, 2021 minutes as submitted, with a second from Tom Schneider

Financial Report

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the financial reports (April 27 – May 25, 2021) as submitted, with a second from Tom Schneider.

Correspondence

No Correspondence

Old Business

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. There is still a need for someone to cover Thursday and Saturday nights.

Small Acreage Invasive Species Program

The staff submitted a grant request to Walmart DC#6017 in March requesting funds to cover the tool sets. We received a grant for \$750. This covered the cost of the 2 sets we had already purchased. 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.

Soil Health Field Demonstration Area Update

Matt reported that the 10 acres has been planted. He also filled out a conflict of interest form relating to this demonstration field. Andy asked that he, Matt and Jenny meet sometime to go over the data.

Outlook Meeting Data

Andy and Kelly gathered the past data regarding our Outlook Meetings. Andy compiled the data sheet and shared with the board members. Dan said he would like to see this continue and Tom made a motion to proceed with planning a meeting in November or December. A second from Matt with all in favor.

Table Covers Purchased

We received the 3 table covers ordered and Kelly shared a picture of one on a table.

District Staff & Supervisor Shirts

Shirts were ordered, picked up and passed out to the board.

IDEA Conference Registration

Kelly reported that she had booked rooms and paid for registration for the October 2021 conference that she and Andy will be attending.

Drill Repairs

Andy reported that the No-Till Drill repairs had been made. The cost was \$1513.44 for the wheel bearing. The parts were covered under warranty, but we paid for the service call and labor. The other damage done by a landowner while renting the drill was the transportation locking system was damaged and a repair was made by the farmers friend which did not meet the expected standards. Andy took the drill to Jacobi to correct that repair work at a cost of \$208.87 and this has been billed to the renter.

New Business

2022 County Budget

Kelly reported the 2021 Budget, after some discussion the only request will be for a 4% increase in salaries.

NRCS Civil Rights Training

Jenny Vogel is required to review this with the board members annually. A printed packet was passed out and reviewed. The form that she needs to provide back to NRCS needs to be signed by the board president.

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Jenny also reviewed this document with the board.

Geo-Textile Fabric

The cost per roll of fabric has increased from \$435 at the previous purchase to \$704 today. With the increase in cost a motion was made by Matt Branham to increase our selling price from \$2/linear foot to \$3/linear foot. With a second from Tom Schneider and all in favor. If the price per roll decreases, we will revisit the selling price.

Agency & Committee Reports

Jenny Vogel – NRCS

Written Report

Andy Ertel – SWCD

Written Report

Kelly Kent – SWCD

Written Report

District Policy

Claims

Strategic Plan

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Schneider with a second by Matt Branham at 7:28a.m.

Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member