

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
January 11, 2022
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 a.m.

Board Members

Brad Ponsler
Matt Branham
Kameron Garlitch
Tom Schneider
Bob Steiner
Dan Megel

Staff

Kelly Kent
Andy Ertel
NRCS
Jenny Vogel

Reading of the Minute

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

Financial Report

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the financial reports (November 24, 2021 – December 31, 2021) and (January 1 – 10, 2022) as submitted, with a second from Tom Schneider.

Correspondence

IDEA Dues – Matt Branham made a motion to pay the 2022 IDEA Membership dues for the staff of \$25 each for Andy Ertel & Kelly Kent. Second by Dan Megel with all in favor.

Washington County Regional Soil Health – Jennings County has not had any landowners in attendance to this event over the last several years. So, the board passed on sponsoring the event.

Old Business

Update on “Woodland Economic Outlook Meeting”

The event that was hosted at the beginning of December had 25-26 people in attendance, along with staff, board supervisors, partners, and speakers. Feedback was that it seems to be well received and reached a non-traditional audience.

Annual Meeting Update

The FFA group has been contacted and will be assisting with the event. The staff will continue to work on the details and share as needed.

Conference Attendees

Kelly reported that the district registered the following for the state conference with the early bird rate – Brad Ponsler, Matt Branham, Kevin Morin (Scholarship received, covers 1 night hotel and conference registration approximate value \$300 registration & \$112 hotel), Andy Ertel and Kelly Kent

New Business

Annual Report

The board would like to place an article in the Plain Dealer highlighting the SWCD accomplishments for 2021, the Financial Report will be listed also. Andy is going to see what the cost of a ½ page and/or a ¼ page will cost and send that out to the board.

We will also put it on our Facebook page and email to an email list.

Designate Depository

Matt Branham made a motion to continue with German American Bank as our depository with a second from Tom Schneider.

Annual Financial Report

Kelly presented the 2021 AFR to the board. Brad and Matt will sign for submittal.

Annual Meeting Invitees

Andy asked that in addition to those special guests we invite per our district policy, that we also provide 1 ticket to Nate Yazel with DNR for assistance with the GGS program. Then provide 2 tickets to the Jennings County Community Foundation for all the support they provide to the district. Dan Megel made a motion to provide these 3 tickets with a second from Matt Branham. All were in favor.

COY & FOC Awards

There are no nominees this year.

Supervisor Photos

Andy will be taking these for the Annual Meeting update.

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 7:38 am.

Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member