

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District  
February 22, 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 6:37 a.m.

**Board Members**

Brad Ponsler  
Matt Branham  
Dan Megel  
Tom Schneider  
Bob Steiner  
Jimmi Berkey

**Staff**

Kelly Kent  
Andy Ertel

**Reading of the Minute**

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the January 2022 minutes as submitted, with a second from Tom Schneider.

**Financial Report**

Dan Megel made a motion to accept the financial report January 11, 2022-February 18, 2022) as submitted, with a second from Tom Schneider.

**Correspondence**

Kelly passed around the Annual Reports from IASWCD & NRCS

**Old Business**

**State Conference Review**

Brad, Matt, Kevin, Andy & Kelly attended this year's conference. Dan congratulated Brad on his award as the supervisor of the year for the state. In general, the conference was nice, comments were that content was a bit lacking but understand it is hard to please all participants and Kelly told the board that if they had any suggestions for next years to please let the staff know and we will pass that on to the planners.

**Finalize Annual Meeting Details**

Ticket packets were passed out to the board members today. The location (Community Building), Date (March 10), time (6pm), caterer (Rolling Pin), Judge Webster-Bright and speaker, Dawn Slack are all

confirmed. Kelly will compile the agenda and send that out to the supervisors for their review and see what their assigned duties will be for the evening.

### **IDEM Inspection Update**

4 IDEM representatives met with Andy, Matt Sporleder and Jim Reeves to walk over the problem areas and to discuss how to improve them at the Wolfe Landfill. A letter will be developed by the SWCD outlining the game plan for IDEM.

### **Weed Eater & Blower Purchased**

These items were purchased for use at the Pollinator Pathway.

### **New Business**

#### **Cover Crop Meeting w/Ripley Co. March 29**

We are co-sponsoring this meeting. Matt Branham made a motion to cover the meal cost of anyone that attends from Jennings Co. with a second from Dan Megel. All in Favor.

#### **Vernon Fork Watershed Project**

Details of the grant were discussed. Where the match funding was coming from, the watershed coordinator position and Educator position and their duties was reviewed. The elements of developing a watershed plan were discussed as well. Projected time the grant will start is January 2023.

#### **Truck Tire Pricing**

Kelly researched option for a new set of tires for the district truck. Tom Schneider made a motion to purchase a set of Mastercraft Courser AXT2 with a second from Matt Branham.

### **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 7:21 am.

An Executive Board Meeting followed beginning at 7:30 a.m., ending at 8:18 a.m.

Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.

Minutes approved by:

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