

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
March 26, 2013
Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held at the USDA Service Center in North Vernon, Indiana. Chairman Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Supervisors

Brad Ponsler
Nathan Burbrink
Jerry St. John
Matt Branahm

Staff

Kelly Kent
Bob Steiner

NRCS

Jenny Vogel

Reading of the Minutes

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the February 2013 minutes as submitted, with a second from Matt Branham.

Financial Report

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the Feb. 27, 2013 – March 26, 2013 financial report as submitted, with a second from Matt Branham.

Kelly informed the board that we are only receiving .01% on the money in our checking account but we are earning .10% on the money in the savings account. After some discussion about the monthly fees that the bank is charging for an image of the cancelled checks and trying to offset that with the interest on the savings account, Matt Branham made a motion to transfer a majority of the funds from checking to savings. He also stated that the treasurer should use her discretion for the amount of funds needed for the daily operations. A second from Jerry St. John.

Correspondence

The district received a thank you note from the Jennings County Domestic Violence organization thanking us for the food that was donated after the Annual Meeting.

Agency & Committee Reports

Essential Services

HHH RC&D

No report.

Rule 5 Consultant – Denise Dailey

No report.

Staff Reports

Bob Steiner

Written report submitted.

Jenny Vogel

Written report submitted.

Kelly Kent

Written report submitted.

Old Business

Annual Meeting Recap

Everyone agreed that most everything went well. It was mentioned that we need to work on adjusting our PA for an improved sound.

Shop Meeting Recap

The shop meetings were well attended again this year. Maschino's had approximately 45 and Ponsler's had approximately 20 attend. Kelly and Bob mentioned that we are struggling to receive sponsorships for the meals at these types of events. It was mentioned that we put an article about our pass-through account in the next newsletter about receiving donations to the Jennings County Community Foundation SWCD pass-through account.

Seed Giveaway Option

Since Quail Unlimited is no longer operating there will be no seed giveaway this year. The board recommended that the district share information with those who normally received the seed about the options they have for purchasing their seed from Schneider's Feed & Seed or other dealers.

Jerry's Event

Jerry recapped the event and stated that there were no real offers on the Plot Master. It was suggested at this time for Kelly to send out an email to other districts advertising this piece of equipment for sale. Also, Matt Branham asks for information to be emailed to him so he could share that with some of his contacts.

New Business

Election of Board Officers

Jerry St. John made a motion that Brad Ponsler remain as the Board Chairman and Dan Megel remain as the board vice-chairman with a second from Nathan Burbrink. All were in favor. Matt Branham made a motion that Jerry St. John be the secretary with a second from Nathan Burbrink. All were in favor. Nathan Burbrink made a motion to reappoint Kelly Kent as the recording secretary with a second from Jerry St. John. All were in favor.

Cooperative Working Agreement

Each board member received a copy of this agreement where it states the information that partner agencies will contribute and share responsibilities. The board signed the paperwork stating that Brad Ponsler will be responsible for signing the agreement with their approval. Brad Ponsler will take a look at this document and then sign and return to Jenny Vogel for submission to the NRCS State Office.

State Gov't ID

Jerry mentioned that several years ago they carried a state government ID when attending SWCD meetings, events, and conferences. He questioned whether there is anything that the districts supervisors should have for these events. Kelly will check with Laura Fribley to see if this is something that we can get and should be done.

Snow Fence

The board asked Kelly to check on the cost of snow fence to replace the fencing we have used over the past several years at the fair to go around the outside edge of our tractor display. She will present this to the board at the next meeting.

Conservation Plans

Bob signed plans as needed.

Claims

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Jerry St. John with a second by Nathan Burbrink at 8:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant