

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
March 30, 2015
Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held at the USDA Service Center in North Vernon, Indiana. Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Supervisors

Brad Ponsler

Matt Branham

Dan Megel

Tom Schneider

Staff

Kelly Kent

Bob Steiner

NRCS

Jenny Vogel

Reading of the Minutes

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the February 2015 minutes as submitted, with a second from Dan Megel.

Financial Report

Dan Megel made a motion to accept the February 25, 2015 – March 30, 2015 financial reports as submitted, with a second from Matt Branham.

Correspondence

Southern Indiana Cooperative Invasive Management –Knox Co. sent a letter asking for financial support for the SICIM and they are challenging districts within the area they will cover. There was some discussion about this but the board members present tabled this to the next board meeting.

Update - this was discussed again with some of the board members stating they would rather spend the money in Jennings Co. No action was taken.

Purdue Extension Sponsorship

A motion to sponsor 4-H trophies in the amount of \$200 was made by Dan Megel with a second from Matt Branham.

IDEA Membership Dues

Kelly asked the board if they would be willing to pay the dues for the staff to be members of the IDEA organization for 2015/2016. The general consensus is that the board would approve the dues. Since the district will have a new employee in the next few months the item was tabled for future approval once the position is filled.

Agency & Committee Reports

Staff Reports

Bob Steiner

Written report submitted.

Jenny Vogel

Written report submitted. Jenny also went over the Cooperative Working Agreement with the board of supervisors highlighting some of the areas that the partnership has. She also stated that if anyone is interested in CSP sign-ups are still being accepted.

Kelly Kent

Written report submitted.

Old Business

Region Meeting

This year's region meeting was held at the North Vernon Education Training Center on Tuesday, March 3 from 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Bob Steiner and Jenny Vogel attended this year. Bob reported that the information shared at the meeting will be available online in the near future. As a presenter, Bob spoke about how to set up a cost-share program and then wrote a brief summary about this to share online as requested. Jordan Seger gave an update on the ISDA.

Job Applicants

The district received 2 applications for the Executive Director position that was advertised (per county rules) in the North Vernon newspaper. The board chose to interview one of the applicants for this position and Brad Ponsler will contact him to set up the date and time. There was discussion as to what the salary will be. The board of supervisors will meet in executive session 30 minutes prior to the interview to set the salary.

Herbicide Applicator

There was discussion on this piece of equipment with the main holdup being the proper cleanup and what to do if it is not. Supervisors were advised to continue considering this and it would be discussed at the next board meeting.

Tractor Display/Parade

Tom updated the board with the information he has found out about the SWCD and Reddington Rearwheelers hosting a tractor show and parade at the City Park in North Vernon sometime in August. Tom has spoken to the mayor, city park board, and Reddington Rearwheelers and will be attending the city council meeting to get a date set and proceed with the planning stages of this event. He advised that we would need a parade permit, an emcee and the city councils approval.

New Business

Election of Officers

Dan Megel made a motion that Brad Ponsler continue as the chairman with a second from Matt Branham. Matt Branham made a motion that Dan Megel continue as the vice-chairman with a second from Brad Ponsler. All in favor. Dan made a motion that Kelly Kent continue as the Secretary/Treasurer of the board with a second from Matt. All in favor.

Adoption of Credit Card Policy

Kelly presented the board with a credit card policy similar to other counties in Indiana that the State Board of Accounts approved of. After reading through the policy Dan Megel made a motion to adopt it with a second from Matt Branham. All board members present signed this policy.

Conservation Plans

Bob signed plans as needed.

Claims

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Matt Branham with a second by Dan Megel at 8:10 pm
Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant