

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
March 19, 2019
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 6:30 am.

Board Members

Brad Ponsler
Jerry St. John
Tom Schneider
Bob Steiner
Matt Branham

Staff

Kelly Kent
Andy Ertel
NRCS
Jenny Vogel

Reading of the Minute

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the February 2019 minutes as submitted, with a second from Tom Schneider.

Financial Report

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the February 27, 2019 – March 19, 2019 financial reports as submitted, with a second from Matt Branham.

Correspondence

IDEA Dues – Jerry St. John made a motion to pay the \$25 per person dues for staff, with a second from Tom Schneider.

Agency & Committee Reports

Tripton Park Update – Work is continuing, and the Ribbon Cutting will be Saturday, August 3, 2019.

Jenny Vogel – NRCS
Written Report

Andy Ertel – SWCD
Written Report

Kelly Kent – SWCD
Written Report

Old Business

Annual Meeting Review– The board members liked the Annual Meeting and heard from others that attended how much they liked the new venue and speaker.

HHH RC&D Dues – After much discussion about what we are getting from HHH and the doubling of the dues a nomination to pay the dues was made by Tom Schneider with a second from Brad Ponsler. A vote was taken, and Tom & Brad voted yes with Matt and Jerry voting no. With a resulting tie, this item will be tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

Supervisor Elections – Matt Branham made a motion to re-appoint Brad Ponsler as Chairman, Dan Megel as Vice Chair, and Kelly Kent as Secretary/Treasurer with a second from Jerry St. John. All were in favor.

NRCS Civil Rights Review – Jenny Vogel reviewed the USDA Civil Rights documents with the board and they signed off they had received the information.

Soil Health Workshop – Andy asked the board if they were interested in hosting a workshop with a speaker that Dan and Jerry heard at the NACD Conference who is from Northern Indiana. The board asked Andy to check the availability and what areas he would cover during his presentation. Andy will find out and report back to the board at the next meeting.

District Policy

Policies were reviewed and signed.

Strategic Plan – Andy presented the board with 3 main subject matters to decide what direction the SWCD would focus on after completion of the Share Some Space project. After much discussion it was decided that Controlling/Eradicating Invasive would be our focal area with education on water quality and soil health

Claims

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Schneider with a second by Jerry St. John with at 7:40 am.

Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member