

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
April 23, 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 7:00 pm.

Supervisors

Brad Ponsler

Dan Megel

Jerry St. John

Matt Branham

Staff

Kelly Kent

Bob Steiner

NRCS

Jenny Vogel

ISDA

Ed Roll

Laura Fribley

Reading of the Minutes

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

Financial Report

Dan Megel made a motion to accept the March 27, 2013 – April 23, 2013 financial report as submitted, with a second from Jerry St. John.

Correspondence

The district received a thank you note from the 4th grade class at Scipio Elementary for the Ag Day event.

The district received a letter and invoice from the IASWCD for 2013 dues and a report as to what the dues funds were used for throughout the year. Jerry St. John made a motion to pay the \$2000 dues with a second from Dan Megel. All were in favor.

Agency & Committee Reports

Essential Services

HHH RC&D

No report.

Rule 5 Consultant – Denise Dailey

Denise reported that she has just been doing her normal onsite visits. CSL had contacted her saying they were completed, but after her inspection they still need to address a couple of items. She will be meeting with MUTC on their upcoming project tomorrow.

Jerry asked about the need for her to visit the Highway 50 bypass project and the pipeline project. Denise reported that IDEM is overseeing the bypass project so there is no need for her to. The pipeline has a nationwide permit so there is no need for her to check on it either.

ISDA Report

Ed reported that he and the districts have been working on CWI projects under the grants we have received.

Laura informed the board about an upcoming SWCD Chairman and Vice Chairman Summer Summit to be held in August with more information to be sent out.

She encouraged the board to keep an up to date business plan so that we were in compliance with the NRCS Cooperative Working Agreement.

Staff Reports

Bob Steiner

Written report submitted.

Jenny Vogel

Written report submitted.

Jenny also reviewed the USDA Privacy Law Requirements.

She also reported that she and Bob had taken part in a cover crop boring research project which was taking a look at the rooting depth in a field with cover crops. Their results were varied but they did remark that one field that had cereal rye for the first year had up to 4' roots with microbial benefits.

Kelly Kent

Written report submitted.

Old Business

Snow Fence Replacement

At the March meeting the board asked Kelly to check on prices for replacing the plastic snow fencing used at the county fair around the outside of the Antique Tractor display. Kelly was able to get a price from Grainger of \$43.95 per 4'x50' roll. The staff will get a measurement of the booth space on the fairgrounds and then place an order. Dan Megel made a motion to go ahead with this purchase for the amount necessary based on the measurements, with a second from Jerry St. John. All were in favor.

Plot Master For Sale

Dan Megel asked if we had any contact from anyone interested in the Plot Master. Bob and Kelly said that we had a couple of people make contact about it but no takers as of yet.

State Gov't ID

Laura Fribley contacted Kelly about this to say that at this time there is no such ID issued by the State for District Employees.

New Business

Tent Replacement

Kelly advised the board that after last year's county fair that it was mentioned we needed to replace the tarp for our Antique Tractor tent. She had prices of \$ 137 for an 18'x30' replacement canopy and 100 bungee cords for \$37. A board member mentioned checking on a price from TAG in Seymour so Kelly will do this. Dan Megel made a motion to go ahead and purchase the canopy and bungee cords at the best rate at or under the above mentioned prices. **Update as of 4-24-13** Kelly located the company that the original tent was purchased from and found a replacement for \$90 and 50 8" bungees for \$15 with shipping cost of \$15 for a total of \$120. This has been purchased and should arrive within a few days.

NRCS Privacy Policy Review

This was covered in Jenny's report.

Google Docs Workshop

The district staff has an opportunity to attend a workshop on using Google Docs. These workshops have a fee of \$10 to \$15 per person to attend. Bob will not be able to attend but Kelly would like to attend one of these. Dan Megel made a motion to pay the workshop fee for Kelly to attend with a second by Jerry St. John. All were in favor.

Farm Safety Day

Brad shared that Farm Bureau is working to host a Farm Safety Day at the Jennings County Fairgrounds on September 14, 2013. This will include safety on anhydrous, grain bins, etc. More information will be shared at a later date.

Tent Usage

Kelly asked the board if they would be okay with her and Jenny using the district's tent for their upcoming graduation parties at their homes. The supervisors agreed that the district staff, supervisors, and District Conservationist would be allowed to do this.

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 Dan Megel at 7:51pm.

Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant