

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
April 28, 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 7:02 PM.

Supervisors

Brad Ponsler

Jerry St. John

Tom Schneider

Staff

Kelly Kent

Bob Steiner

NRCS

Jenny Vogel

Contracted Technician

Denise Dailey

Guest

Beth Steiner

Reading of the Minutes

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the March 2015 minutes as submitted, with a second from Tom Schneider.

Financial Report

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the March 31, 2015 – April 28, 2015 financial reports as submitted, with a second from Tom Schneider.

Correspondence

Jennings County Homemakers sponsorship request. Beth Steiner ask the board to sponsor a conservation themed book for their kindergarten reading program in the fall of 2015. The homemakers go into each of the kindergarten classes in the county once a month and read a story then each student receives their own copy to take home and keep. They would choose a conservation minded book representing the JC SWCD for a cost of \$350. Jerry St. John made a motion to sponsor this provided it covers conservation, with a second from Tom Schneider

SBOA Exit Interview

The State Board of Accounts has wrapped up the audit of the JC SWCD books from 2019 through 2014 with no issues reported. They did recommend that the district look into purchasing an annual bond instead of the continuous bond that is now carried. This is not a requirement but merely a suggestion. Kelly will look into the cost and coverage and report back to the board at the next meeting.

IASWCD Annual Dues

Jerry St. John made a motion to pay the 2015 IASWCD Annual Dues with a second from Tom Schneider.

Agency & Committee Reports

Staff Reports

Bob Steiner

Written report submitted. Bob also advised the board that he will be staying on as a director for the Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D for a 2 year term.

Jenny Vogel

Written report submitted. Jenny also advised the board that in the near future NRCS would be coming out with an opportunity to apply for administrative assistance through a working cooperative agreement. More information will be shared when it becomes available.

Kelly Kent

Written report submitted.

Denise Dailey

Denise reported that the county is staying busy with several Rule 5 plan reviews – Meier Irrigation, O'Mara/Chris Weber fill project, Hayden Wastewater, Bridge north of Scipio, Jen-Acres and the Dollar Store.

Old Business

Herbicide Applicator

No action taken.

Tractor Display/Parade

Tom will be talking to the city council about any permit needed and share the updated information at the next board meeting.

New Business

Supplies for Water Quality at 3rd Grade Field Days

Kelly asked the board to approve the purchase of supplies for the upcoming water quality station at the 3rd grade field days coming up in May. Kelly estimated the cost to be around \$60 - \$75. Tom Schneider made a motion for the district to purchase the needed supplies with a second from Jerry St. John.

Website Developer/Maintenance

With Bob retiring later this week, the discussion in the office was who would then maintain our website. Both Kelly and Andy have no knowledge of how to do this and training would most likely be cost prohibitive, so Bob suggested hiring Rodney Holmes of Wolf Creative Services. Bob spoke to Rodney and he had put together a sample website. His price would be \$300 for initial set-up with a \$200 annual maintenance fee. The maintenance fee would include updates that the district sends to Rodney for adding to the web site as needed. Jerry St. John made a motion to pay the \$300 set-up fee and the \$200 annual maintenance fee to Wolf Creative Services with a second by Tom Schneider.

Tent Use

Jenny asked the board if she could use the district tent for a graduation party at her house in June. Kelly asked the board if she could use the old tent tarp for moving her son home from college. Jerry St. John made a motion for the tent and the old tarp use by Jenny and Kelly with a second from Tom Schneider.

Conservation Plans

Bob signed plans as needed. Jenny asked the board with Bob's retirement if they would like for the new employee, Andy Ertel, to continue signing these plans on behalf of the district. All were in agreement for Andy to continue this.

Claims

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Jerry St. John with a second by Tom Schneider at 8:00 pm
Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant