

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
April 17, 2018
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 pm.

Board Members

Matt Branham
Jerry St. John
Tom Schneider
Dan Megel
Bob Steiner

Staff

Andy Ertel
Kelly Kent
NRCS
Jenny Vogel

Intern

Kameron Garlitch

Reading of the Minute

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the March 2018 minutes as submitted, with a second from Jerry St. John.

Financial Report

Tom Schneider made a motion to accept the March 2018 financial reports as submitted, with a second from Matt Branham.

Correspondence

Web Page Services – Wolf Creative Services contract 4/29/18 – 4/29/19 will be \$250. Matt Branham made a motion to pay the yearly fee with a second from Tom Schneider.

Fair Giveaway – Beth Steiner volunteered to donate bee related items to the district for giveaways at the county fair.

Cards – The Vernon Clionian Society sent a Thank you along with a \$100 donation for Andy giving a talk at their recent meeting.

Bob Steiner – a card was received from the Steiner family thanking the supervisors for the recent sympathy card and personal donation after the loss of his son-in-law

Agency & Committee Reports

Jenny Vogel – NRCS

Written Report & advised that the DUNS & SAMS registration for program applicants is no longer required. She also advised that the current Cooperative Working Agreement is set to expire Dec. 31, 2018 and that the partners are working on updating this document.

Andy Ertel – SWCD

Written Report

Kelly Kent – SWCD

Written Report

Bob Steiner – HHH

The Annual Meeting will be held at Ertel Winery on April 26 at 1115am – 1pm and the cost is \$20 if any board member would like to attend.

Andy Ertel – Tripton Park - Andy reported that the city council is continuing forward with the park and that the committee is meeting with the engineers to firm up the plans and cost.

Old Business

Nitrogen Tester

This was received and given to Matt for testing and reporting back to the board of his findings.

Fair Display

Andy advised the board that he spoke to the new owners of John's Guns and they are willing to let the district display their stuffed animals in the Conservation Building at the fair this year. More discussion was had on what other groups may join the district at the fair. Space has been offered to DNR Forestry, Friends of the Muscatatuck and Quail Forever. The board asked that weather permitting that Mark McClellan bring his bees. The district will create a display about invasive species to replace the pollinators that have been there for 3 years.

USFW

This grant was submitted as a final proposal and we are awaiting word if it will be funded.

Display Board

Kelly researched options to replace our 25+ year old downing display. The company that made the one the district has is still made and now comes with a backlit header and carrying case for \$1210. Tom Schneider made a motion to purchase the new downing display, with a second from Jerry St. John. All were in favor.

Projector & Screen

Kelly researched options to replace our projector due to new technology on our laptops not communicating with our current projector that is 14+ years old. Matt & Bob will look over the options and advise of their choices. A purchase decision will be made later.

New Business

No new business

District Policy

No new policy

Strategic Plan

After a short discussion about the Financial Objective, it was decided to state the objective as "Assess the level of capital and expenses to determine if they cover our needs over the next 5 years." Then at a future board meeting it will be discussed in more detail.

Claims

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jerry St. John with a second by Tom Schneider 7:53 pm.

Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member