

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
April 23, 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 6:33 am.

Board Members

Brad Ponsler
Matt Branham
Tom Schneider
Bob Steiner
Dan Megel

Staff

Kelly Kent
Andy Ertel
NRCS
Jenny Vogel

Reading of the Minute

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

Financial Report

Dan Megel made a motion to accept the financial report as submitted, with a second from Matt Branham.

Correspondence

NACD Annual Report 2018 – The report was passed around for everyone to look at and will be available in the office.

Wolf Creation Web Service – The web hosting service renewal of \$250 is due 4/29/19. Dan Megel made a motion to pay the fee with a second from Tom Schneider.

Thank You Connie Rayburn – We received a Thank You from Connie for the invite to the Annual Meeting.

Reading Program – Jennings Co Extension Homemakers are seeking sponsors for the Reading Readiness Program for Jennings Co. Kindergartners. The sponsorship cost \$350. Matt Branham made a motion to support this with a second from Dan Megel. Kelly will ask the Homemakers to find something that relates to Conservation for one of the books.

Agency & Committee Reports

Tripton Park Update – Work is continuing. Grand Opening is set for August 3.

Jenny Vogel – NRCS
Written Report

Andy Ertel – SWCD
Written Report

He also met with the TIF board about drainage issue at the St. Anne's Golf Course. He advised them about sub surface drainage.

Kelly Kent – SWCD
Written Report

Old Business

HHH RC&D Dues – This item was tabled from the last meeting. Dan was the deciding vote and after much more discussion it was decided by a 3-2 vote in favor of paying the dues this year. And then reassessing the services for the following year.

New Business

Soil Health Workshop – Andy reached out to Dave Ransbottom to speak at a Soil Health Workshop, Dave offered to do one in August. After some discussion it was decided to host this event at SEPAC on August 13, 14 or 15 and begin at 6pm and end by 8pm. A meal will be served.

3rd Grade Field Day May 8 & 9 – This event will be hosted by the district staff at the Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge.

IDEA Conference – Andy & Kelly are on the planning committee and asked to stay at the Clifty Inn in Madison on Wednesday night. Dan made a motion to pay for a 1-night stay for each of them with a second from Matt. All were in favor.

District Policy

Review Capital Purchase & Threshold – Kelly attended a SBOA regional meeting recently where this policy was discussed. Based on recommendations by the Government Finance Officers Association – “In no case should a government establish a capitalization threshold of less than \$5000 for any individual item.” In discussing this Kelly will prepare a revised district policy to present for board signatures at next months meeting. Matt made a motion to revise the current policy to show the threshold at \$5000 with a second from Tom Schneider.

Strategic Plan

Claims

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matt Branham with a second by Tom Schneider with at 7:33 am.

Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member