

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
May 24, 2022
Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held at the USDA Conference room. Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 6:35 a.m.

Board Members

Brad Ponsler
Kameron Garlitch
Matt Branham
Bob Steiner
Jimmi Berkey

Staff

Kelly Kent
Becca McClellan
Andy Ertel
NRCS
Jennifer Kipper

Reading of the Minute

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the April 2022 minutes as submitted, with a second from Brad Ponsler.

Financial Report

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

Score More Rewards – Is a program through German American Visa Card that the district earns points for purchases. The district had enough points to use \$270 on a recent purchase. Becca was able to show Kelly how the program worked. So, the next credit card statement will show the \$270 credit.

Correspondence

SEI Data – Website Domain Renewal is \$20.90 for the year. Matt Branham made a motion to renew with a second from Brad Ponsler.

Ongoing/Old Business

TMDL

Andy gave a brief report on this.

Fair Sign Up

All the times have been signed up for. The new DNR Forester will be there on Monday and Wednesday, NRCS Acting DC, Jennifer Kipper will be there on Tuesday and Kelly asked if anyone else has ideas on who we could get for Thursday and Friday. Kameron Garlitch will have a display for GGS and DNR Forestry will be set up also.

Charlie Daugherty will bring the snakes to have on display, Kameron Garlitch will get the fish. Andy has contacted Todd Vogel about turtles and is waiting to hear back.

Brad asked if the staff needs any assistance with the Fairgrounds Pathway or Conservation Building, Kelly told them that we will let them know next week when we are planning to work out there.

New Business

Geo-Textile Fabric

Kelly reported to the board that our cost for the fabric continues to increase. The most recent pricing had increased \$57 per roll and will this increase and the likelihood of additional increases Matt Branham made a motion to increase the selling price by \$.50/linear foot. Brad Ponsler seconded the motion. The current stock of 3 rolls will remain at \$3/linear foot and the new price of \$3.50/linear foot will be applied to the 6 rolls Kelly will order today.

Invasive Species Training

The ICP is hosting a training on June 2, 2022, at the MNWR for Invasive Species ID. Kelly and Becca would like to attend. Matt Branham made a motion to pay the \$12 registration fee for them to attend with a second from Brad Ponsler.

CWI Grant Application

This years CWI Grant application is due Sep 8, 2022. Kelly will email the info out to the board members for their recommendations of anything they would like the district to apply for. There is a CWI Webinar later today about the application process, rules, and guidelines. Kelly and/or Becca will watch this and report back to the board.

Agency & Committee Reports

Jennifer Kipper – NRCS Acting DC
Written Report

Becca McClellan – SWCD
Written Report

Kelly Kent – SWCD
Written Report

Andy Ertel – SWCD
Written Report

District Policy

Nothing New

Claims

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matt Branham with a second by Brad Ponsler 7:26 am.

Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member