

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
June 25, 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. Matt Branham called the meeting to order at 6:35 am., Brad Ponsler arrived later and took over.

Board Members

Brad Ponsler
Matt Branham
Tom Schneider
Bob Steiner
Jerry St. John
Kameron Garlitch

Staff

Kelly Kent
Andy Ertel
NRCS
Jenny Vogel

Reading of the Minute

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the April 2019 minutes as submitted, with a second from Tom Schneider.

Financial Report

Tom Schneider made a motion to accept the financial report as submitted, with a second from Jerry St. John.

Correspondence

IASWCD Dues – Jerry St. John made a motion to pay the dues for 2019 and with a second from Tom Schneider.

Agency & Committee Reports

Fair – Wildlife Building/Pathway

The staff brought up that the concrete needs to be looked at in the Conservation Building. The staff will look at estimates on repairs and options then bring the information back to the board.

Jenny Vogel – NRCS
Written Report

Andy Ertel – SWCD
Written Report

Kelly Kent – SWCD
Written Report

Old Business

Quail Forever–HHH Meeting? -Jerry spoke to Chad Springer, Crosley about any interest in have HHH facilitate an organizational meeting. Jerry has not heard back at this time and Andy will follow up with Chad. Bob mentioned that Terry with HHH needs to first talk with Chad or someone from the organization to get a better understanding of the needs of the group.

2020 Budget Reviews – A copy was passed around to the board members to review. The budget hearing date is August 6 a time will be set, and Kelly will advise the board once she receives that from the Auditor’s Office.

New Business

2020 District Resolutions – Resolutions are due to the SSCB by 9/6/19.

District Policy

Review Capital Purchase & Threshold – The policy was updated with a motion by Matt Branham and second by Tom Schneider and all were in favor.

Strategic Plan

David Ransbottom – Soil Health – David sent an email and asked if the board would be willing to wait until winter to hold the meeting due to the extreme weather and late planting season he would like to see his yields this year to show how cover crops are helping him on his farm even during these times.

Claims

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Schneider with a second by Matt Branham with at 7:25 am.

Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member