

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District

June 23, 2020

Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held at the Jennings County Community Building due to the Level 2 at the USDA Service Center. Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 6:30 am.

Board Members

Dan Megel

Jerry St. John

Brad Ponsler

Matt Branham

Tom Schneider

Bob Steiner

Staff

Kelly Kent

Andy Ertel

NRCS

Jenny Vogel

Partners

Kameron Garlitch – ISDA Resource Specialist

Reading of the Minute

Dan Megel made a motion to accept the May 2020 minutes as submitted, with a second from Tom Schneider.

Financial Report

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

Correspondence

Brad received a letter from ISDA asking our board to submit a delegate to vote in the District 2 election of the next State Fair Board representative. The board will send Brad Ponsler as our delegate. Kelly will fill out and mail the paperwork.

Old Business

County Fair – There will not be a county fair this year, therefore, we will not be opening the districts Conservation Building.

IDEA Conference – The staff reported that this years' IDEA Fall Conference will be postponed until 2021.

New Business

Grant Opportunities

Andy shared a document outlining a long-range plan in reference to options for grants. After some discussion the board felt that this was a great direction for the district to go.

Budget

The staff created the 2021 budget to reflect no increases except \$3k for 2 new computers for a 3-year term and a 3% payroll increase. The board agreed and asked the staff to submit the request and let them know when the budget hearing will be held.

Conservation Building @ Fairgrounds

With all the updates and cleaning on the building, the staff recommended looking at the roof soon to protect all the work that has been completed inside. This will be discussed in more detail at the next board meeting.

Agency & Committee Reports

Jenny Vogel – NRCS
Written Report

Andy Ertel – SWCD
Written Report

Kelly Kent – SWCD
Written Report

Kameron Garlitch – ISDA
Reported that ISDA will be cutting 15% of their budget. Which will include a decrease in funds for CWI. The 6 vacant positions with ISDA will not be filled in 2021.

District Policy

Claims

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Megel with a second by Tom Schneider at 7:30 am.
After the meeting the board walked over to the Conservation Building to look at the progress with all the updates that have been made.
Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.
Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member