

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District  
July 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 7:04 am.

**Board Members**

Brad Ponsler

Jerry St. John

Tom Schneider

Bob Steiner

Kameron Garlitch

**Staff**

Kelly Kent

Andy Ertel

**NRCS**

Jenny Vogel

**Reading of the Minute**

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the June 2019 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 Tom Schneider.

**Correspondence**

***Thank You*** – 2 were received from 4-Hers and 1 was received from one of the winners of the fair giveaway.

***Woodland Steward*** -

Jerry St. John made a motion to support the WS Newsletter at \$250 with a second from Tom Schneider.

**Agency & Committee Reports**

Jenny Vogel – NRCS

Written Report

Andy Ertel – SWCD

Written Report

Kelly Kent – SWCD

Written Report

## **Old Business**

**2020 Budget Hearing** –The county budget hearing date is Tuesday, August 6 with the time TBD.

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

**Conservation Building @ Fairgrounds** – A bid for the concrete removal and replacement was received, from there Andy submitted a proposal to the Community Foundation about assisting with funding. After their review they agreed to contribute \$5k towards the project if we could show funding from other sources. The county budget request was revised asking the council to fund \$5k. Jerry asked that before we dive into this project that we have someone dig down along the post to see what the condition of the post are so that we know if they have rotted and before we sink the money into the building. Andy will contact the Highway Dept to see if they could come and dig along the building to see the post for inspection. Once this has been completed Jerry's motion to pay the extra \$3k with a second from Tom. The staff will get another estimate before proceeding.

**No-Till Drill Bearings** –Matt Branham had rented the drill and contacted the staff thinking some bearing may be going bad. After further inspection it was decided that they are not ready to be replaced but the drill is starting to show some wear and the supervisors may want to start considering replacing it while it still has some trade in value.

## **New Business**

**Tillage Transect** – The staff will be conducting the Tillage Transect starting July 24 and finish within a week.

## **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**

**Wildlife Objective – Quail Forever Chapter** – Jerry stated that they have a meeting tonight and he will bring up the idea of working with HHH.

**Grassland/Game Bird Objective** – Andy advised the board of this program that we have available to those south of Hwy 50. Kelly gave Jerry brochures to share with the Quail Forever Chapter and discussion was held about working with Nate Yazel to host a field day on Thursday, Sept 5 @ Calli Nature Preserve. Jerry St. John made a motion to spend up to \$150 for snacks and beverage with a second from Tom Schneider.

## **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 7:52 am.

Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.

Minutes approved by:

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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Member

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