

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
August 28, 2018
Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held at the USDA Service Center in North Vernon, Indiana. Dan Megel called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Board Members

Brad Ponsler
Jerry St. John
Tom Schneider
Bob Steiner
Rob McGriff
Kameron Garlitch

Staff

Kelly Kent
Andy Ertel

NRCS

Jenny Vogel

Reading of the Minute

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the July 2018 minutes as submitted, with a second from Tom Schneider.

Financial Report

Tom Schneider made a motion to accept the July 2018 financial reports as submitted, with a second from Jerry St. John.

Correspondence

4-H Thank You

Oak Heritage Conservancy is hold an Annual Meeting in October and would like a Pollinator Seed Basket from the district to add to their silent auction. Jerry St. John made a motion to do a \$25 pollinator basket with a second from Tom Schneider.

IDEM has a CLEAN Community Program that the City of North Vernon is planning to work with to improve the environment here.

Agency & Committee Reports

Tripton Park Update – O’Mara’s was awarded the initial contract. The second bidding will be on the buildings.

Share Some Space Update – The group received a \$3k grant from the Walmart Foundation & DC 6017.

HHH – Woodland committee will be having a meeting on Sep. 6 at Woodmize in Batesville and then on Oct. 4 @ Selmier.

Jenny Vogel – NRCS

Written Report

Andy Ertel – SWCD

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Kelly Kent – SWCD

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Old Business

Pollinator Committee Meeting – This will be held at the Muscatatuck County Park on Tuesday, September 18 @ 6pm.

County Park entrance – We are working with the park staff to create a unique pollinator habitat at the entrance to the county park. More details to follow.

2019 County Budget – Budget Hearing was held, and Andy Ertel represented the district. Budget will be announced later.

Selmier Field Day – 5th Grade Forestry Field Day will be held on Tuesday, September 25 & Wednesday, September 26. Andy wanted to mention that we are very fortunate to have such great volunteers to help with the districts educational events.

Region Meeting – Brad was unable to attend due to a work commitment.

New Business

Bee Box – The district purchased a teaching bee box to use at educational events and possibly on a mobile display at the Conservation Building.

Great Migration Video- Joe Robb with Big Oaks has purchased a viewing kit and asked if the district would be interested in doing a showing of the video, after some research the kit only allows for 1 public viewing. The district staff has asked to view the video to evaluate whether we would want to do this. If the board agrees to do a viewing the district would need to purchase their own kit for \$195.

District Policy

No new policy

Strategic Plan

EQIP practices available for invasive control – Jenny spoke to the board about the history of the program available to control invasive

Newsletter Article – included an article about controlling invasive

Japanese Stilt Grass Video – (sent out via email) Andy forwarded this video to staff, board members and the email list to educate

DNR terrestrial plant rule – Info was sent out the email list.

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 with at 7:36 pm.

Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member