

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District

August 25, 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 6:32 am.

**Board Members**

Dan Megel

Jerry St. John

Brad Ponsler

Matt Branham

Tom Schneider

Bob Steiner

**Staff**

Kelly Kent

Andy Ertel

**NRCS**

Jenny Vogel

**Reading of the Minute**

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the June 2020 minutes as submitted, with a second from Matt Branham.

**Financial Report**

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

**Correspondence**

No Correspondence

**Old Business**

No Old Business

**New Business**

**CWI Grant 2021**

Andy wrote and submitted a grant for Invasive Species in Woodlands control. The grant deadline is September 12<sup>th</sup> and we should know if we are selected for funding in October or November.

**Brillion Seeder Repairs**

2 rollers are missing from the seeder (1front & 1back). An estimate from Jacobi was going to be \$1000, Andy contacted Jeff Maschino and he will make the repairs for around \$300.

**Conservation Building Roof**

A bid from Kerrigan Painting to power wash, screw down loose metal, prime and paint for \$2700. Dan Megel made a motion to lock in this estimate with a second from Matt Branham.

**Virtual IASWCD Conference**

The board was advised that this year's Annual Conference will be held virtually with more information coming.

**District Showcase**

Andy advised the board that he had submitted the Tripton Park Project for a District Showcase Award.

**Election Committee/Positions**

Jerry St. John and Tom Schneider terms will be up for 2021. Jerry told those present that he is ready to step down if the election committee can find someone to replace him. He believes that after 30+ years that it may be time for some new ideas and the next generation to come on board. He also said that if for some reason there was no one to replace him he wouldn't leave us hanging.

This year's election committee will be Election Committee Chairman Matt Branham with members being Dan Megel and Brad Ponsler. Nominations are due by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Annual Meeting Date**

Due to COVID the staff brought up that our Annual Meeting could look very different this year. After some discussion it was decided that at this time, we will plan to host our Annual Meeting as normal but make concessions for social distancing. The date of the meeting was set for Tuesday, Mar 2 at 6pm at the Community Building and the Rolling Pin will be the caterer. Kelly will book the location and caterer following this meeting.

**Agency & Committee Reports**

Jenny Vogel – NRCS  
Written Report

Andy Ertel – SWCD  
Written Report

Kelly Kent – SWCD  
Written Report

Kameron Garlitch – ISDA  
Kameron has stepped down from ISDA to take a position in the private sector.

**District Policy**

**Claims**

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Megel with a second by Tom Schneider at 7:40 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:

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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Member

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