

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
August 23, 2022
Board Minutes

The locally led meeting was held before the regular board meeting. Those listed below were in attendance. Jennifer Kipper explained the ranking sheet for resource concerns, then each board member placed their ranking beginning with 1 as the biggest concern down to 10. These were turned into Jennifer Kipper, and she will compile the results and submit to NRCS.

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held at the USDA Conference room. Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 6:35 a.m.

Board Members

Brad Ponsler
Dan Megel
Matt Branham
Tom Schneider
Jimmi Berkey
Bob Steiner

Staff

Kelly Kent
Becca McClellan
Andy Ertel

NRCS

Jennifer Kipper

Reading of the Minute

Dan Megel made a motion to accept the July 2022 minutes as submitted, with a second from Matt Branham.

Financial Report

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the financial report as submitted, with a second from Tom Schneider.

Budget 2023

The staff has submitted the budget request with the recommended increase of 3.5% from the county council. The budget hearing will be held at the Government Center in Vernon on Tuesday, September 6 @ 9am. Brad will plan to attend with Becca and Andy.

Correspondence

HHH RC&D Dues – After some discussion this was tabled until the next meeting. Bob will be checking with Terry Stephenson if they could assist with invasives along the state highway right-a-way and the closed landfills within the county.

Ongoing/Old Business

Tom Bechman Visit – Brad told the board that the visit with Tom went well, he, Andy & Becca showed him Calli, Tripton Park, Pollinator Patch. Tom had emailed the article to Brad and Andy to review before it went to print. Tom enjoyed the lunch that day with Brad and the staff.

Field Day Update – Becca

Becca and Andy attended Roger Wenning's Soil Health Workshop last week and explained many of the use and benefits of cover crops that were discussed and were given information to share with landowners and board members in the future.

New Business

Proposed Landfill Resolution

The board requested that we submit a proposed resolution to assist counties with funding to fix issues mandated by the state within the 1800+/- landfills.

Andy will start an email thread with ideas that need to be included with the board and then a proposal will be completed and sent to board members for approval before a submission.

New Chair for Becca

Becca requested a new chair for office that would be better for her body type. Dan made a motion to purchase a new chair, with a second from Matt.

Agency & Committee Reports

Jennifer Kipper – NRCS Acting DC

Written Report

Becca McClellan – SWCD

Written Report

Kelly Kent – SWCD

Written Report

Andy Ertel – SWCD

Written Report

District Policy

Nothing New

Strategic Plan

Andy gave an update on the completed items in our strategic plan. He & Becca will give a copy to the council at the Budget hearing.

Claims

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Schneider with a second by Dan Megel 7:58 am.

Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member