

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
October 22, 2013
Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held at the USDA Service Center in North Vernon, Indiana. Chairman Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM.

Supervisors

Brad Ponsler

Dan Megel

Jerry St. John

Matt Branham

Staff

Kelly Kent

Bob Steiner

NRCS

Jenny Vogel

Contracted Technician

Denise Dailey

Reading of the Minutes

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the August 2013 minutes as submitted, with a second from Matt Branham.

Financial Report

Dan Megel made a motion to accept the Aug. 28 – Sep. 24 and Sep. 25 – Oct. 22, 2013 financial reports as submitted, with a second from Jerry St. John.

Correspondence

Agency & Committee Reports

Essential Services

Nothing to report due to no meetings

HHH RC&D

Bob shared that the HHH is looking for their own office space along with funding for it. They are currently looking at developing a Long Range Financial Plan.

Rule 5 Consultant – Denise Dailey

Denise reported she has been completing site visits on the current Rule 5 projects in the county.

Staff Reports

Bob Steiner

Written report submitted.

Jenny Vogel

Written report submitted.

Kelly Kent

Written report submitted.

Old Business

CWI Updates

Bob reported that the district applied for 2 – 2014 CWI Grants mirroring the 2012 and 2013 Muscatatuck Watershed grants. We should hear by mid-November if we were awarded these grants.

Leadership Institute

Bob attended the most recent Leadership Institute Board Development training in Lafayette. He encouraged the supervisors to attend some of these programs.

New Business

Outlook Meeting

The 2014 Outlook Meeting will be held at the Jennings County Public Library on Friday, November 22 beginning at 9:30 AM. PARP credits will be available to those attending. Other topics will include: Controlling Problematic and Herbicide Resistant Weeds, Controlling Voles and Slugs in Cover Crops and No-Till, Don't Track it Back – Protecting others from Chemical Contamination and Understanding Soil Health, Soil Fertility.

Annual Meeting

The following was voted on by the board of supervisors. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Rolling Hills Shrine Club on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 6 PM. The entertainment/speaker for the evening will be Charlie Adams, catering will be by Rolling Pin Catering. Ticket cost will be \$12 per adult and \$6 per child 10 and under.

Election Committee

Jerry St. John will be the chair of this year's supervisor election committee with Dan Megel and Matt Branham serving on the committee. Brad Ponsler agreed to run again for supervisor and the election committee will search for others interested in serving on the SWCD board.

IASWCD Annual Conference

The IASWCD Annual Conference will be held in Indianapolis on January 6 – 8, 2014 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. All supervisors and staff are encouraged to attend if their schedule permits. Kelly reported that rooms are being held and that registration for this event is due to her by Nov. 20th.

Delegate at IASWCD Business Meeting

Jerry St. John will be the delegate with Matt Branham and/or Dan Megel as the Alternate.

Winter Drill Storage

The county commissioners have changed the padlocks on the some of the buildings at the fairgrounds and the SWCD now has a key. The No-Till drill is already stored out there but needs some repairs to a coulter bearing and the wheel replaced. Matt Branham said he will need to rent the No-Till drill in a few weeks and will take care of the repairs once the district purchases the parts.

The Brillion seeder will need to have some repairs done to it concerning the axle. The board asked that we contact Nathan Burbrink to see if he would be willing to make those repairs. Once those repairs are completed Jerry St. John should be called to transport the Brillion Seeder out to the Conservation Building at the fairgrounds for winter storage.

Strawblower

Kelly will be checking with Mike Clancey on this before the next meeting.

Conservation Plans

Bob signed plans as needed.

Claims

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Dan Megel with a second by Jerry St.John at 8:26 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member