

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
November 1, 2016
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 7:01pm.

Board Members

Matt Branham
Brad Ponsler
Tom Schneider
Bob Steiner
Dan Megel
Jerry St. John

Staff

Andy Ertel
Kelly Kent
NRCS
Jenny Vogel

Reading of the Minutes

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the September 2016 minutes as submitted, with a second from Tom Schneider.

Financial Report

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

Correspondence

- NACD Membership Dues – Jerry St. John made a motion to pay the \$250 dues with a second from Dan Megel. All in favor.
- IDEA Reimbursement – Kelly Kent received the 2015 IDEA Scholarship for \$200 and this amount was reimbursed to the district this past month.

Agency & Committee Reports

Rule 5 – Andy updated the board with the Rule 5 projects of Storage Express, Streetscape, Rails to Trails and LP Investments.

Jenny Vogel – NRCS

Written Report and gave data for the last fiscal year. In Indiana 107 CSP contracts were obligated for \$1.5 million dollars, 808 EQIP contracts were obligated on a total of 121,000 acres and \$24.1 million dollars.

Andy Ertel – SWCD

Written Report

Kelly Kent – SWCD
Written Report

Old Business

Election Committee Nomination

The committee recommends Brad Ponsler to run again for the Jennings Co. SWCD board. They will also welcome any write in votes.

CWI Grant Status

Andy advised the board that our application was denied for the 2017 CWI Grant.

Annual Meeting Speaker

Andy reported to the board that Dr. John Scott Foster is available to speak at this year's Annual Meeting and we could look at Tom's idea for next year's Annual Meeting so that we could assess and plan for subject matter for a panel discussion. We will need to cover a hotel stay for Dr. Foster and make a speaker fee payment to Wesselman Nature Society.

Woodland Steward

Andy showed the district board many of the articles in the publication. Kelly will send Rob McGriff an email asking him to make sure those not receiving the publication to be added to their mailing list.

New Business

IASWCD Annual Meeting Jan 23 – 24, 2017

The board will be sending the following people to the Annual Meeting – Andy Ertel, Kelly Kent, Dan Megel, Brad Ponsler, Matt Branham and Jerry St. John. The district will receive 1 registration free as a District Showcase winner. The board will also pay for the Luncheon and Award Presentation for 4 people from the Pollinator Committee to attend.

Kelly will also be submitting the Supervisor Scholarship application for Dan's registration by the deadline of Nov. 15th.

Delegate Selection

Jerry St. John made a motion for Dan Megel to be the delegate to the State Soil Board meeting at the conference with Matt Branham as the Alternate. Tom Schneider seconded the motion. All in favor.

Resolution

Brad read the resolution that will be presented to the SSCB. The board decided to vote yes on this resolution.

Outlook Meeting

Andy spoke to the board about hosting our Outlook Meeting without offering PARP credits this year. The board agreed and Andy will check with Dr. Chris Hurt to see if his schedule will allow him time to speak at our Outlook Meeting in December or January.

Annual Meeting Awards

At our next board meeting we will decide on Friend of Conservation and/or Conservationist of the Year.

Conservation Plans

Andy signed plans as needed.

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 8:20 pm

Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member