

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
November 25, 2014
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 7:05 p.m.

Supervisors

Brad Ponsler
Matt Branham
Jerry St. John
Dan Megel

Staff

Kelly Kent
Bob Steiner
NRCS
Jenny Vogel

Reading of the Minutes

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the September 2014 minutes as submitted, with a second from Dan Megel.

Financial Report

Dan Megel made a motion to accept the September 24, 2014 – November 25, 2015 financial report as submitted, with a second from Matt Branham.

Correspondence

Jennings County Chamber of Commerce 2015 Dues – Matt Branham made a motion to pay the 2015 dues & optional app feature in the amount of \$110 with a second from Dan Megel.

NACD Dues – Jerry St. John made a motion to pay the 2015 dues in the amount of \$775 with a second from Matt Branham.

Scholarship Opportunity from SSCB – Laura Fribley recommended to Kelly that the district apply for the Supervisor Training Scholarship if anyone plans to attend the NACD Conference this coming year. Dan Megel made a motion that any of the supervisors that would like to attend the NACD Conference do so with the district picking up the cost of the supervisors transportation, lodging, meals, & registration with a second from Jerry St. John.

Agency & Committee Reports

Staff Reports

Bob Steiner

Written report submitted.

Jenny Vogel

Written report submitted.

Kelly Kent

Written report submitted.

Denise Dailey

No Report Given.

Old Business

Storage Building

The area is now ready for the building and at this time no date has been given for installation.

Cost Share Program

Bob reported that if everyone completes the acres that they applied for we will have \$22,347.50 in applications and only allotted \$20,000.00. Dan Megel made a motion to increase our cost-share program to cover the entire \$22347.50 with a second from Matt Branham.

CWI'14 Changes Implemented

The four county grant was originally written to only include the Muscatatuck Watershed and based on the low number of applicants it was decided by the four counties to request this be changed. This grant will now include the entire county for each of the four counties. The paperwork has been submitted to the DSS and does not need to go before the SSCB.

Outlook Meeting

The district and Purdue Extension held this meeting at the library on November 20th with 36 people in attendance. Those participants were eligible for PARP credits at this meeting.

Annual Meeting

The plans are being finalized for the Annual Meeting to be held at the Rolling Hills Shrine Club on Thursday, February 26 at 6pm. The guest speaker will be Kevin Cox and the meal will be catered by Rolling Pin Catering.

Recommendations for Supervisor Appointment

Brad will contact Nathan Burbrink to see if he plans to run for the supervisor position again this year and also talk to Tom Schneider to see if he would be interested. Brad will report their answers to Kelly by Monday, December 1st so that this can be submitted to the DSS as required.

New Business

Hayden Wastewater – Rule 5 Review Fee

Jerry St. John was contacted by the attorney, Larry Greathouse, for the Hayden Wastewater District to see if the SWCD would be willing to waive the Rule 5 district's fee. The board discussed whether this would even be an option. After some discussion it was decided that we did not want to set precedence by only offering this to certain entities. Therefore, the Hayden Wastewater District will be charged the same as any other entity for the Rule 5 Review. Jerry St. John will contact Larry Greathouse and let him know of this board's decision.

Office Computers

The warranty is running out on Bob and Kelly's computers in the next month or two so replacement computers will need to be purchased. Bob informed the board that the cost of the government computers that are approved for network and software use will be \$1080 each. Matt Branham made a motion to purchase 2 new computers at the government rate with a second from Dan Megel. Bob also reminded the board that the county bond will reimburse the district for \$1200 toward the cost of the computer replacements.

IASWCD

Early bird registration is available till December 1 for the IASWCD Annual Conference in Indianapolis on January 12 & 13th. The board members are to let Kelly know by that date if they plan to attend.

Cover Crop Transect

The cover crop transect will be coming up in the next few weeks.

Region Meeting

The S-SE region will be held at the Scott County Service Center on Wednesday, December 10 at 6pm.

Conservation Plans

Bob signed plans as needed.

Claims

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Dan Megel with a second by Matt Branham at 8:17 pm

Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant