

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
November 28, 2017
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 6:30 pm.

Board Members

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

Staff

Andy Ertel
Kelly Kent
NRCS

Student Intern

Reading of the Minute

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the October 2017 minutes as submitted, with a second from Matt Branham.

Financial Report

Dan Megel made a motion to accept the October financial reports as submitted, with a second from Tom Schneider.

Correspondence

None

Agency & Committee Reports

Jenny Vogel – NRCS - Absent
Written Report Submitted
Andy Ertel – SWCD
Written Report
Kelly Kent – SWCD
Written Report

Old Business

Outlook Meeting Review

Andy gave a report to the board that about 25 landowners were in attendance and 90% of those were there to hear about the timber outlook. Of those 80% were first time attendees. Dan and Brad thought the meeting was successful. It showed that our timber resource is important to our landowners.

Update Strategic Plan 2018 –

Andy shared with the board that our current Strategic Plan was for 2012 – 2017. As we head into the end of the year the board and staff will begin to work on updating this plan. Andy explained what we had accomplished and ask for the board to think about what they would like the plan to look like for the next 5 years. This will be discussed at the January 2018 board meeting.

Finalize Conference Plans – Kelly confirmed that the following will be attending the State Conference in Indianapolis on January 8 & 9 – Brad Ponsler, Kelly Kent & Andy Ertel. Brad will be the delegate for the Board Meeting.

New Business

Washington Co Soil Health Meeting

The district received a request to help sponsor this event in Washington Co. The board members asked if there was in data on how many from Jennings Co. had attending in the past. No landowners were reported to have attended on staff from other agencies as required by the supervisor. With this information the board voted to not sponsor this event.

Resolutions

The following are the resolutions to be presented at the State Soil Conservation Board Meeting held at the IASWCD State Conference on January 9, 2018. Below is the Title of the Resolution and how the Jennings Co Board Members have chosen to have Brad Ponsler vote at this meeting.

- **Clean Water Indiana Funding Limitation Expansion – Yes**
- **SWCD Title Change – No**
- **Feral Swine Eradication – Yes**
- **Seeking additional annual funding avenues for SWCD's - Yes**

2017 Mileage Claims

Board members were asked to update and turn in the mileage claim voucher for reimbursement. Their checks will be mailed to them and Kelly asked they cash them immediately, so they clear the bank in 2017.

2018 Meeting Dates

The monthly board meetings will continue to be on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Kelly will email the schedule to the board members.

District Policy

Nothing New

Claims

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Megel with a second by Matt Branham 8:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member