

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
November 27, 2018
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 6:31 am.

Board Members

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

Staff

Kelly Kent
Andy Ertel
NRCS
Jenny Vogel

Reading of the Minute

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the October 2018 minutes as submitted, with a second from Dan Megel.

Financial Report

Dan Megel made a motion to accept the September/October 2018 financial reports as submitted, with a second from Matt Branham.

The staff presented to the board an option to purchase a 13-month CD paying 2% interest at German American Bank. The staff advised that \$80k was available to invest. Jerry St. John made a motion to invest \$80k into the CD with a second from Matt Branham.

Correspondence

Condolences/Thinking of you card will be purchased to send out when a family member of the staff or board passes along with thinking of you cards for others as needed. Kelly will purchase cards to have on hand.

Oak Heritage – Thank you card was received for the districts support of their Annual Meeting

Big Oaks Christmas party – An invitation to attend the BOCS Christmas party was shared with the board and staff. If anyone is interested in attending the cost is \$20 and Kelly needs to know by Friday, November 30th.

Agency & Committee Reports

Tripton Park Update – Work is continuing.

Share Some Space Update – Nothing new.

Jenny Vogel – NRCS
Written Report

Andy Ertel – SWCD
Written Report

Kelly Kent – SWCD
Written Report

Old Business

Nominees for the SWCD Board – Dan Megel will run for another 3-year term.

Annual Meeting Location – This year’s meeting will be held at Willow Lake Event Center with a cost of \$250 rental fee and they set up and tear down. Kelly is to invite the local officials including the 4 new county council members recently elected.

New Business

IASWCD Resolutions – Approving of Minutes – Yes; Associate Supervisors eligible to serve on the State Association Board – Yes; Increased Due – No; Region renaming – Yes; County staff titles and pay uniformity – No.

Appointed/Elected Supervisor- Matt and Dan will be up for appointment and reelection, respectively at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Both are willing to serve another 3 years.

IASWCD Conference – Those attending conference this year will be Andy Ertel, Kelly Kent, Jerry St. John and Dan Megel. Brad will let Kelly know by the end of the week if he plans to attend and Kameron Garlitch will be asked if he would like to attend. Dan received a state scholarship to attend. His 1-night room and registration will be paid by the state association.

NACD Conference – Those attending conference this year in San Antonio will be Jerry St. John and Dan Megel. Kelly will make the reservations.

Newspaper Article – Kameron Garlitch was featured in an article for his placing top 4 in the nation for his wildlife project.

Promotion of GGS Program – We have started promoting this project with flyers and an article in the local newspaper.

WFYI TV Interview – Andy will be interviewed by the Indianapolis TV station about the districts work on pollinators throughout Jennings Co.

District Policy

No new policy

Strategic Plan

Claims

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matt Branham with a second by Tom Schneider with at 7:29 am.

Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member