

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
November 17, 2020
Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held at the Jennings County Community Building due to the Level 2 at the USDA Service Center. Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 6:32 am. The meeting began with introduction of our two new Associate Supervisors.

Board Members

Dan Megel
Jerry St. John
Brad Ponsler
Matt Branham
Bob Steiner
Jimmi Berkey
Kevin Morin

Staff

Kelly Kent
Andy Ertel

NRCS

Jenny Vogel

Reading of the Minute

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the September 2020 minutes as submitted, with a second from Jerry St. John.

Financial Report

Dan Megel made a motion to accept the financial reports (September 30 – November 17) as submitted, with a second from Jerry St. John.

Correspondence

NACD Dues was discussed and a motion to pay \$250 was made by Jerry St. John with a second by Dan Megel.

IASWCD Urban Soil Conservationist – Andy reported that IASWCD received funding for 4 positions and an additional supervisory position.

DNR – Indiana Grey Fox Report

A flyer was received with information regarding this study and will be posted on our Facebook page.

Old Business

IDEM – Vernon Fork Muscatatuck

Andy reported that he, Bob Steiner and Jenny Vogel set in out this Zoom meeting in October. Testing will be now until next October. In 2022 there will be a public meeting giving the results of the study and then in 2023 the district could apply to do the Watershed Plan with Implementation.

CWI '21 Grant Application – The district received notification that their grant request for small woodland area with invasive control was not funded.

2020 District Showcase Award

The district received notice that we had been selected for one of the three District Showcase Awards for 2020. This was focused on the technical support that the district provided for the creation of the new Tripton Park. Andy will be making a PowerPoint presentation to the ICP leaders on Nov. 23. This award also gives the district 3 free registrations for the IASWCD Annual Conference.

IASWCD Resolutions

There is 1 resolution to be presented at the IASWCD Virtual Conference for vote. The resolution is attached to these minutes. The board will support this resolution.

Contribution Agreement

Andy reported that he had completed all but 1 review of the CRP contract with Bartholomew County. We are awaiting signatures from some additional landowners. We will submit the balance of the work in January for reimbursement.

Annual Meeting Updates - The Community Building & Cater has been reserved. After much discussion it was decided that due to COVID we will not host a meeting with food this year. No speaker will be booked. The staff will be checking with the local newspaper to see if they will still be printing our Annual Report insert or if we need to look at other areas to have the election, financial report and district review published. Matt Branham made the motion, seconded by Jerry St. John, unanimous.

New Business

Annual Conference Delegate Selection – Brad volunteered to represent our district as this year’s delegate and Dan Megel will serve as the alternate.

Attendees for IASWCD Virtual Conference – This year the conference will be virtual and held on January 11 – 13, 2021. Kelly, Andy and Brad will plan to attend, and any others are welcome to come to the office for viewing the conference.

Agency & Committee Reports

Jenny Vogel – NRCS

Written Report

Andy Ertel – SWCD

Written Report

Kelly Kent – SWCD

Written Report

District Policy

Claims

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Megel with a second by Matt Branham at 7:42 am.

Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member