

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
November 23, 2021
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 a.m.

Board Members

Brad Ponsler
Matt Branham
Kevin Morin
Jimmi Berkey
Bob Steiner
Dan Megel

Staff

Kelly Kent
Andy Ertel
NRCS
Jenny Vogel

Reading of the Minute

Dan Megel made a motion to accept the October 2021 minutes as submitted, with a second from Matt Branham.

Financial Report

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the financial reports (October 27, 2021 – November 23, 2021) as submitted, with a second from Dan Megel.

Correspondence

No Correspondence

Old Business

Update on “Woodland Economic Outlook Meeting”

Currently around 14 people are planning to attend. Kelly has ordered the soup from Subway and will pick it up on Dec. 1, then order the box lunches once a final count has been received by Monday, Nov. 29.

Annual Meeting Update

The caterer is confirmed, along with the location (Community Building). Our speaker will be Dawn Slack and the topic will be Invasive Species. The start time will be 6pm. The staff will check with Brad Briggs to see if the FFA students can attend and assist with clean up. Upon a recommendation by Tom Schneider and a motion by Dan Megel the district will pay \$150 to them so that they can clean up after

the meeting allowing the staff and supervisors to greet and thank those in attendance. This was seconded by Matt Branham with all in favor.

The ticket cost was set at \$15 per person with a motion by Matt Branham and a second by Kevin Morin. All in favor.

Conference Attendees

Kelly reported that the district registered the following for the state conference with the early bird rate – Brad Ponsler, Matt Branham, Kevin Morin (Scholarship was applied for, awaiting announcement), Andy Ertel and Kelly Kent

New Business

Nominees for Election

Matt Branham will be the nominee for reelection and Dan Megel will be appointed. These will be for a 3-year term.

Resolution

There is one resolution for the SSCB meeting. It is recommending that the SSCB have term limits. This was discussed and the board agreed that our delegate, Brad Ponsler, should vote for term limits when called for a vote.

Landfill Issue

Andy was approached by a commissioner requesting the district assist with follow up to IDEM on some known issues at the Landfill. A letter was sent to the county commissioners via the Auditor's Office listing items that are an issue. Andy is working to get a copy of the letter and will contact IDEM to assist with some type of resolution.

More info to come.

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 Kevin Morin with a second by Matt Branham at 7:38 am.

Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member