

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
November 22, 2022
Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held at the USDA Conference room. Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 6:38 a.m.

Board Members

Brad Ponsler
Kevin Morin
Matt Branham
Dan Megel

Staff

Kelly Kent
Becca McClellan
Andy Ertel

Reading of the Minute

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the September 2022 minutes as submitted, with a second from Kevin Morin.

Financial Report

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the financial report as submitted, with a second from Kevin Morin.

Correspondence

Ongoing/Old Business

Landfill Update – Becca reported that some of the work has been done on the landfill site but a firm from Indianapolis purchased the tax lien on the property and are planning to purchase the property. Currently, we are on hold due to this.

HHH Dues – This item had been previously tabled and with no new actions from the organization, Matt made a motion to not pay the dues with a second from Dan, all in favor.

Demonstration Plot – Matt reported that the demo field is growing, mostly the grasses but the other seeds will come into it closer to spring.

Strawblower Damage – The repairs to the strawblower have been made. It was suggested that we install Anti Slip Strips on the walking area of the strawblower for added safety. Kelly has ordered these.

Calli – Andy advised the board that now the improvements have been made at Calli Nature Preserve it would be nice if the Jennings Co Community Foundation would purchase a sign to place out near the road, guiding visitors to this hidden gem in Jennings Co. and he would like for them to put the SWCD logo on the sign also. He will check into this and report back.

New Business

NACD Dues – Dan made a motion to pay the \$250 Bronze Level dues for 2023 with a second from Matt.

Annual Meeting – The speakers that we reached out to were way over our budget or not available for the upcoming annual meeting. Kelly reported that the location of the Community Building has been secured, Rolling Pin will be the caterer. Becca presented the idea of having a Conservation Trivia game, a board member or staff will sit at each of the

tables and the attendees will answer conservation related questions to see who has the most knowledge about conservation and the winning table will receive free tickets to the 2024 Annual Meeting.

IASWCD Conference – Kelly has registered; Brad, Matt, Becca, and herself for the Conference. Kelly submitted the form to receive a Supervisor Scholarship. Fortunately, Matt Branham was selected to receive the scholarship and the district will be reimbursed for the \$350 registration cost. The scholarship also covers 1 night hotel stay.
Delegate – Matt Branham will be the districts delegate with Brad Ponsler as the alternate.

Agency & Committee Reports

Jenny Vogel – NRCS DC
Written Report

Becca McClellan – SWCD
Written Report

Kelly Kent – SWCD
Written Report

Andy Ertel – SWCD
Written Report

District Policy

Nothing New

Strategic Plan

Claims

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matt Branham with a second by Kevin Morin at 7:55 am.

Minutes taken by Kelly Kent.

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member