

**Jennings County
Soil & Water Conservation District
March 17, 2009
March Board Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held on March 17, 2009 at the USDA Service Center in North Vernon, Indiana. Vice-Chairman Dan Megel called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

Supervisors

Dan Megel
Nathan Burbrink
Jerry St.John-via phone
Brad Ponsler – via phone

SWCD Staff

Kelly Kent

Watershed Coordinator

Bob Steiner

Reading of the Minutes

Brad Ponsler made a motion to accept the January 2009 minutes as submitted, seconded by Jerry St. John, motion carried.

Financial Report

Nathan Burbrink made a motion to accept the 1-1-09 to 1-31-09, 2-1-09 to 2-28-09 and the 3-1-09 to 3-17-09 financial reports as submitted, seconded by Jerry St. John, motion carried.

Correspondence

A Thank You card was received from Roger Simmons on his retirement as a supervisor.

Agency & Committee Reports

Essential Services

Since Roger's retirement as a supervisor, Bob Steiner was appointed to this committee. He attended his first meeting earlier in the day and advised the board of the Hayden Baptist church request to be rezoned from Commercial to come into compliance with the Jennings County Unified Zoning Ordinance and be rezoned to Institutional. This was approved.

HHH RC&D

Rob was not present at the meeting but reported to Kelly that the RC&D will be having their Annual Meeting on Monday, March 23rd at 6:30pm at the South Ripley Elementary School and tickets for the meal are \$10. The HHH Woodland Committee will be hosting their spring banquet on April 1, at 6:00 pm at the Hearthstone Restaurant in Metamora. Tickets for the meal are \$10. Dan Shaver from The Nature Conservancy will be the speaker.

Watershed-Bob Steiner

Written report was submitted

Staff-Kelly Kent

Written report was submitted

NRCS – Jenny Vogel

Written report was submitted

Old Business

Annual Meeting Recap

The Annual Meeting was well received by those present, we received several comments about how great the speaker was and the catering was very nice also.

New Business

Trailer-Plotmaster

The supervisors were presented with photos and a quote on purchasing a Bil-Jax ET2000 trailer for hauling the Plotmaster. With all in agreement it was decided to proceed with the purchase price of \$1500 provided the Plotmaster will fit properly on the trailer.

Plotmaster Rental Rate

At the January meeting, after some discussion, Jerry St.John made a motion to charge \$50/day for the rental, seconded by Brian Belding, with the idea that we will start out at this rate with the option to adjust it as we see it is necessary. This was discussed again at the March meeting and the rate was approved based on a 24-hour period.

4-H Sponsor

We have received a letter from the 4-H Council about our sponsorship of the 4-H trophies again this year. In 2008 we sponsored 12 trophies at \$13each for a total of \$156. After some discussion and knowing that this year is going to be harder than ever on the 4-H program Nathan Burbrink made a motion to up our sponsorship to \$200 with Jerry St.John making a second. All were in favor.

Rural-Urban Dinner

The annual Rural-Urban dinner will be held at the Jennings County Public Library on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 beginning at 6:30pm. The district is a sponsor and received 4 tickets to attend. Those scheduled to attend are Bob Steiner, Brad Ponsler, Jerry & Janet St. John.

Leadership Institute

A list of the tentative dates for this was passed out.

Election of Officers

Nathan made a motion to keep the current officers in for this year as was for 2008. Jerry St. John seconded, all in favor. This years officers will be Chairman, Brad Ponsler; Vice-Chairman, Dan Megel; Treasurer/Secretary, Kelly Kent.

LICA Field Day

Don Biehle sent an email inviting the district to the planning meeting on Saturday, March 28th at 10:00 a.m.

Claims

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm

Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant