

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
March 30, 2010
Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held on March 30, 2010 at the USDA Service Center in North Vernon, Indiana. Chairman Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 6:06pm

Supervisors

Brad Ponsler
Jerry St. John
Nathan Burbrink

Staff

Bob Steiner
Kelly Kent

NRCS

Jenny Vogel

Reading of the Minutes

Nathan Burbrink made a motion to accept the January 2010 minutes as submitted, with a second from Jerry St. John.

Financial Report

Nathan Burbrink made a motion to accept the Jan. 27 to Feb. 18 and Feb. 19 to Mar. 30, financial reports as submitted, with a second from Jerry St. John.

Correspondence

Thank you letters received by the district from Jennings Co. Chamber of Commerce and Connie Anderson were read to the board. The community foundation sent a letter showing the natural resource conservation education fund would be paying out \$575 for a scholarship that the foundation would be selecting. An updated list of Leadership Trainings was given to each supervisor and they were encouraged to attend any of them they could.

Agency & Committee Reports

Essential Services

Bob reported that the ESC was notified by Gene Ebbing that they would be developing a Rule 5 plan on the property they are requesting rezoning for.

HHH RC&D

No report given.

Rule 5 Consultant – Denise Dailey

No report given.

Staff Reports

Bob Steiner

Written report submitted

Jenny Vogel – NRCS

Written report submitted

Kelly Kent

Written report submitted

Old Business

Annual Meeting Recap

The board and staff reported that the annual meeting was a success with many commenting on the how much they enjoyed Donya Lester's presentation, the food from Rolling Pin Catering was very tasty and well presented, and the attendance was about normal.

Food Plot Meeting

Bob & Jerry attended the meeting that was hosted by Schneider Feed & Seed at the library last week. There were about 40 in attendance and Bob spoke to them about the importance of soil testing and using our plotmaster for their plantings.

New Business

MRBI Update

This is the Mississippi River Basin Initiative involving the East Fork of the White River. There will be applications required to submit for this program involving Decatur, Bartholomew, & Jennings Counties. There have been a few meetings on this and more information will be forthcoming in the near future.

Letter of Support

Southern Indiana Cooperative Weed Manage Area has asked the districts support them with a letter of support which helps them receive funding for their projects based on partner participation. Jerry St. John made a motion to submit a letter of support with a second from Nathan Burbrink.

4-H Sponsorships

The board received a letter from Jennings Co. 4-H asking for financial support for this year's 4-H awards. A motion by Jerry St. John was made to give \$200 for 13 trophies and some additional support. The second was made by Nathan Burbrink. The board asked Kelly to let Amy Webster know that if they find they are short in funding to please let us know and we would try to see if we could send any additional support.

Purdue Ag Alumni Association

This year’s speaker, Donya Lester, charged no speaking fee to the district but asked that if we would like to send a donation please send it to the Maury Williamson Memorial. Jerry St.John made a motion to send a \$250 donation to this memorial with a second from Nathan Burbrink.

Fair – Tractor Parade

There has been some discussion as to whether to continue with the tractor parade at the Jennings Co. Fair. Nathan Burbrink made a motion to consider something different this year such instead of having the parade to have a judging contest of some sort. He is checking with some of his family who is on the Bartholomew Co. Fair Board to see how they handle it. A second was made by Jerry. Someone from our board will try to attend the next fair board meeting to discuss options for other nights to hold our parade.

Training

Bob asked the board to pay for a training seminar on Invasive Weed I.D. for \$40. Jerry St. John made a motion to pay for this with a second from Nathan Burbrink.

Conservation Plans

Claims were submitted to the board and signed

Adjournment

A motion was made by Nathan Burbrink to adjourn the meeting with a second from Jerry St.John at 719pm

The meeting of the Jennings County SWCD Board will be held at the USDA Service Center on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member