

Jennings County  
Soil & Water Conservation District  
April 29, 2008

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held on April 29, 2008 at the USDA Service Center in North Vernon, Indiana. Chairman Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

<b><u>Supervisors</u></b>	<b><u>NRCS</u></b>	<b><u>SWCD Staff</u></b>	<b><u>Watershed Coordinator</u></b>
Brad Ponsler	Jenny Vogel	Kelly Kent	Bob Steiner
Dan Megel		<b><u>Contracted Technician</u></b>	
Jerry St. John	<b><u>DSS</u></b> -Laura Fribley	Denise Dailey	
Brian Belding			
Roger Simmons			

**Reading of the Minute**

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the March 2008 minutes as submitted, seconded by Brian Belding, motion carried.

**Financial Report**

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the 3-26-08 to 4-29-08 financial report as submitted, seconded by Roger Simmons, motion carried.

**Correspondence**

No correspondence to report

**Agency & Committee Reports**

**Essential Services – Roger Simmons**

Roger reported to the board that the Queensville Community Church asked for a rezoning to Institutional to become compliant. Verizon Wireless would like to construct a cell phone tower in Geneva Township behind Gasper Mower Sales. Steve Wessel requested a change of home size requirements on the subdivision he created from 1600 sq. ft. to 1300 sq. ft. The Essential Service Committee recommended all of these to go before the Area Plan Commission.

**HHH RC&D – Rob McGriff**

Rob was unable to attend.

**Watershed – Bob Steiner**

Written report was submitted

**Rule 5 Consultant – Denise Dailey**

Denise reported that Delbert Vincent will start construction soon on his property. She and Bob have been working with Marlon Knarr and the County Highway on 800 N. A Rule 5 will be needed on the Sam Wagner property where the Kudzu eradication project will take place. Denise is working with Brad Bender on JFK Drive with CEW on drainage issues.

#### **NRCS – Jenny Vogel**

Jenny submitted a written report.

#### **SWCD – Kelly Kent**

Kelly submitted a written report.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Straw blower Rental**

The straw blower rental payment from Barbers has been taken care of.

##### **Office Furniture**

The new furniture has arrived. Bob and Kelly spent last week assembling it.

##### **Soil Testing Grant**

The grant becomes effective on May 1, 2008 and we have already had some response to the program. The staff will collect samples and mail them once a week on Fridays with the Lab receiving them on Monday and returning results and recommendations by that Thursday. We will accept samples of gardens and other non-pastureland or non-cropland but the customer will be responsible for the actual cost of the soil sample but there will be no shipping charged to them.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Rule 5 Fee**

Denise advised the board that Scott Co. is now charging a fee to the developer for the contracted technician. After some discussion it was decided that the SWCD board needs to speak to the County Commissioners about this before implementing any fees. Denise will come up with a fee schedule to present to the SWCD board before it is taken to the County Commissioners.

##### **Leadership Institute**

Laura Fribley passed out a flyer giving information about the upcoming Leadership Institute and encouraging any and all to attend if possible this year. Laura also spoke to the SWCD board and encouraged us to work with the Extension service on programs and other areas to build a better partnership.

##### **Travel Expenses/Per Diem Guidelines**

With the new requirements by the CWI grants for training incentives it has brought up some questions as to what is actually covered for reimbursement on travel expenses.

After much discussion the board approved the following: Mileage: Staff is at the current county rate of \$.35/per mile and Supervisors is at the current state rate of \$.41/per mile. Travel will be reimbursed at the actual rate for airfare, parking, hotel, meals, and registration fees based on the conference dates.

Motion was made by Jerry St.John and seconded by Brian Belding.

**Conservation Plans**

Bruce Fischvogt T-3570

**Claims** – Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm

*Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant*

*Minutes approved by:*

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*Chairman*

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*Vice-Chairman*

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*Board Member*

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*Board Member*

Next scheduled board meeting – May 27, 2008 @ 7:00pm  
USDA Service Center Conference Center