

**Jennings County
Soil & Water Conservation District
April 22, 2009
April Board Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held April 22, 2009 at the USDA Service Center in North Vernon, Indiana. Chairman Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Supervisors

Dan Megel
Nathan Burbrink
Jerry St.John
Brad Ponsler
Brian Belding

SWCD Staff

Kelly Kent
NRCS
Jenny Vogel

Watershed Coordinator

Bob Steiner

Contracted Technician

Denise Dailey

Reading of the Minutes

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the March 2009 minutes as submitted, seconded by Brian Belding, motion carried.

Financial Report

Jerry St.John made a motion to accept the March financial report as submitted, seconded by Brian Belding, motion carried. A finance committee was formed with Brian Belding, Jerry St. John, Nathan Burbrink, and Brad Ponsler, along with the staff, to address our long term financial goals. A meeting has been set for Tuesday, May 26th at 6pm followed by the regular board meeting at 7pm.

A new bank signatory for the checking account is needed after the retirement of Roger Simmons from the SWCD board. Nathan made a motion that Brad Ponsler be added with Brian Belding seconding the motion. All were in favor. The account will now have Kelly, Jerry, & Brad as signatories.

Correspondence

No Correspondence

Agency & Committee Reports

Essential Services

Bob Steiner reported that the Miller's & Staublin's requested a rezoning of property on Highway 3 N from agricultural to heavy industrial.

HHH RC&D

No updates at this time

Watershed-Bob Steiner

Written report was submitted

Rule 5 Consultant – Denise Dailey

Denise reported that she had met with Cheryl Trisler to address concerns on the fee schedule. Spoke with David Yux about complaint of Omara's doing illegal burning and contacted IDEM on the matter. Denise had a call about Delbert Vincent on the Rule 5. She will work with someone from IDEM to go out to talk with Mr. Vincent. Continuing to work with MUTC on concrete overpass and terrorist fencing.

Staff-Kelly Kent

Written report was submitted

NRCS – Jenny Vogel

Written report was submitted

Old Business

Equipment Rental Agreements

New rental agreements were considered and some recommendations were made.

New Business

Trailer-License

License is required for the trailer; Kelly will check costs on insurance and then get the license.

CWI-SNRG

The Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant is winding down and we have approximately \$1315 left to pay out by April 30, 2009. Brad will meet with Bob & Kelly next week to finalize this grant.

Shirts, Caps, Jackets w/SWCD Logo

The staff would like to have shirts, caps, & jackets to wear when they are making presentations and for the fair. Kelly will check prices and types available.

Laura Fribley-DSS Update

Laura gave out copies of the Gazette that list accomplishments of districts across the state. ISDA updates – Andy Miller has left the ISDA and Ann Hazlett will be his replacement as the Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director and Jerod Chew has taken the position of Director of the Division of Soil Conservation.

IASWCD Dues

The annual dues are \$2000 again this year and Jerry St. John made a motion to pay these with Brian Belding seconding the motion.

Conservation Plans

Larry Sporleder – LARE
Hillview Farms – Bill Baker

Claims

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant