

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
April 22, 2010
Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held on April 22, 2010 at the USDA Service Center in North Vernon, Indiana. Chairman Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Supervisors

Brad Ponsler
Jerry St. John
Dan Megel
Brian Belding

Staff

Kelly Kent

NRCS

Jenny Vogel

Reading of the Minutes

Brian Belding made a motion to accept the March 2010 minutes as submitted, with a second from Dan Megel.

Financial Report

Dan Megel made a motion to accept the March 31 to April 22 financial report as submitted, with a second from Jerry St. John.

Correspondence

No Correspondence

Agency & Committee Reports

Essential Services

No meeting. Nothing to report.

HHH RC&D

No report given.

Rule 5 Consultant – Denise Dailey

No report given.

Staff Reports

Bob Steiner

Written report submitted.

Jenny Vogel

Written report submitted.

Kelly Kent

Written report submitted.

Old Business

Fair-Tractor Parade

This topic was tabled from the previous meeting. Due to schedule conflicts with the staff and board during fair week, Brian Belding made a motion to discontinue hosting the tractor parade on Wednesday evening, with the plan to have some other type of award(s) to be given at the tractor display. Jerry St. John seconded the motion, with all in favor. Brad Ponsler will contact Amy Williams to notify the fair board of our decision. At the March meeting Nathan Burbrink agreed to check with members of the Bartholomew County Fair Board to see what type of awards they have at their antique tractor display.

New Business

2010 Board Officers

Dan Megel made a motion to appoint Brad Ponsler as the Chairman, with a second from Jerry St. John. Brian Belding made a motion to appoint Dan Megel as the Vice-Chairman, with a second from Jerry St. John.

Jerry St. John made a motion to appoint Brian Belding as the Secretary, with a second from Dan Megel.

Dan Megel made a motion to appoint Kelly Kent as the Treasurer, with a second Brian Belding.

All nominations made we accepted and all in favor.

IDEM MOU

The office received an updated Memorandum of Understanding with IDEM. This MOU provides a mechanism to clarify the level of participation that an SWCD chooses and specifies what each party shall contribute to the cooperative and beneficial working relationship. The board members were each given a copy to review before the next board meeting. At that time the board will need to vote if they want to accept this MOU.

IASWCD Dues

The annual association dues are \$2000.00 again this year. A motion was made by Dan Megel to pay the \$2000.00 with a second from Jerry St. John.

MRBI

Bob reviewed the idea behind the Mississippi River Basin Initiative with the board and advised them that the SWCD and Jenny Vogel are working with their respective counterparts from Decatur and Bartholomew Counties on an application for the Sand Creek Watershed to deal with cover crops and nutrient management. The deadline for the application is May 1st. Bob asked Brad Ponsler to see if we could get a letter of support from Farm Bureau, Inc. Brad agreed to get a letter of support from the local Farm Bureau and Bob will check the Jackson Jennings CO-OP. Kelly will check with Stan Stradley from Quail Unlimited to see if they would also submit a letter of support.

Drill Damage

Kelly notified the board that the No-Till Drill was involved in an accident on April 12, 2010 while being pulled by Tom Baurle. Mr. Baurle was renting the drill and had picked it up at the office and on his way to his farm and was struck by another vehicle causing damage to the drill's tire and scraping paint. The board felt it necessary to get a police report at a cost of \$5 from the Jennings County Sheriff's Department and make contact with the other party to get the tire replaced and paint to touch up the scratches on the drill. Kelly will follow up on this.

Conservation Plans

Bob signed plans as needed.

Claims

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Brad Ponsler at 6:54 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant