

**Jennings County  
Soil & Water Conservation District  
June 23, 2009  
Board Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held on June 23, 2009 at the USDA Service Center in North Vernon, Indiana. Chairman Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM.

**Supervisors**

Brad Ponsler  
Jerry St. John  
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 May 2009 minutes as submitted, seconded by Brian Belding, motion carried.

**Financial Report**

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the May financial report as submitted, seconded by Brian Belding, motion carried.

**Correspondence**

Brad read a letter from Jane Hardisty regarding the 2009 rent agreement.

**Agency & Committee Reports**

**Essential Services**

Bob Steiner reported that the county is continuing to work on getting all land properly zoned. The former radio station property at Scipio is requesting to be rezoned to agriculture. A property owner in Paris Crossing would like to rezone some of his ground to industrial. He also reported that JNRU will be receiving a \$14 million grant to extend services out to Tyler's Crossing

**HHH RC&D**

No updates at this time

**Watershed-Bob Steiner**

Written report was submitted

### **Rule 5 Consultant – Denise Dailey**

Denise reported that she met with Susan Knowles at Muscatatuck Nat'l Wildlife Refuge to address some concerns she had with erosion and water quality. Denise advised her to come up with a list of concerns to bring to the SWCD. Susan would like the districts assistance with addressing some of them.

Denise also met with Julie Andrews regarding drainage issues with a neighbor. She is also working with Dwayne Forester on 401 & 404 permits for working along the river. Rule 5 has been sent from Jennings Water for work from 600 W to 300 N.

### **Staff-Kelly Kent**

Written report was submitted

### **NRCS – Jenny Vogel**

Written report was submitted.

Jenny also noted that there were 13 Flood Plain Easements worth \$8 million in the southern counties of Indiana. USGS has gauging stations for rivers and it can be accessed at [in.water.usgs.gov](http://in.water.usgs.gov). Nominations are being accepted for Minority Conservation Farmer Award. Also, Rural Development is taking applications for Renewable Energy System grants

### **Old Business**

#### **Fair Schedule**

The schedule for the tractor booth was passed around.

#### **SBOA Training Updates**

Kelly attended the SBOA training in Indianapolis for updates and follow up on audits.

### **New Business**

#### **HHH Forestry Field Day-Sponsor**

There will be a forestry field day at Dr. Richard Jones property near Paris on October 17, 2009 at 10 am. They would like the district to provide the portable toilet. The district agreed to do this at a cost of \$100

#### **Money from SWCD Foundation**

Woody Warehouse has been putting money into the SWCD Foundation fund in our name for each tree we bought from them for our tree sale. The Foundation is ceasing operation and will be sending the remaining funds from this to each district and ask that they put these funds into an endowment with their local community foundation. The amount is to be determined and we will be notified what the final amount is and at that time the board will make a decision as to what to do with these funds.

### **Award Deadlines**

The deadline for the Conservationist of the Year and Conservation Farmer of the Year are due by September 1, 2009. The board is asked to come up with nominees.

### **2010 Budget**

The budget proposal is due July 1<sup>st</sup>. The only request that the SWCD will be making is for an increase in salary. We will not be asking for any increase for other budgeted supplies.

### **Recycle Containers –Fair**

The district and the Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District will be putting aluminum can and plastic bottle recycling containers throughout the fairgrounds. The SISWD will bring a truck to retrieve full containers and leave empty containers in their place.

### **Conservation Plans**

Joe Wente  
Frank Gibson

### **Claims**

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

*Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant*