

**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. 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 1st. 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 Wentz
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