

**Jennings County
Soil & Water Conservation District
July 22, 2008**

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held on July 22, 2008 at the USDA Service Center in North Vernon, Indiana. Chairman Brad Ponsler called the meeting order at 7:01 PM.

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>NRCS</u>	<u>SWCD Staff</u>	<u>Watershed Coordinator</u>
Brad Ponsler	Jenny Vogel	Kelly Kent	Bob Steiner
Jerry St. John	<u>DNR</u>	<u>Contracted Technician</u>	
Dan Megel	Rob McGriff	Denise Dailey	<u>DSS</u>
Roger Simmons			Laura Fribley

Reading of the Minutes

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the June, 2008 minutes as submitted, seconded by Roger Simmons, motion carried.

Financial Report

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the 6-18-08 to 7-22-08 financial report as submitted, seconded by Roger Simmons, motion carried.

Correspondence

Thank you notes were received from Matthew Austin, Tyler Boswell, & Caitlyn McNulty for the trophies they were awarded for their Grand and Reserve Grand Champion 4-H projects.

Agency & Committee Report

Essential Service – Roger Simmons

No report due to no meeting held.

HHH RC&D- Rob McGriff

Rob has been unable to attend the RC&D meetings recently due to other commitments but did advise the board that HHH had received a grant of \$700,000 to work on 2 watersheds.

Watershed-Bob Steiner

Written report was submitted

Rule 5 Consultant – Denise Dailey

Denise reported that she was still receiving phones calls about drainage. She has recently met with Dave Omara, Chris Ertel, Brad Bender, Yancey Murphy, Camelot Estates

homeowners, along with a few others in trying to address their drainage situations. Denise would like to put together a brochure tailored to our local issues at a future date.

NRCS – Jenny Vogel

Written report was submitted

SWCD – Kelly Kent

Written report was submitted

Old Business

Rule 5 Fee

The final draft was presented to the SWCD board and a few minor changes will be made and presented to the County Council at the budget hearing.

2008 Fair Recap- There was discussion about the Antique Tractor display and parade. Next year we will have some signs that will be posted stating that all children and adults are to stay off the tractors. The board asked Kelly to check with the Jennings Co. Fair Board as to when their board meetings are so that 1 or 2 of the supervisors could attend to discuss what options for improvements to our event for next years fair.

New Business

Budget Hearing – August 18th at 11 AM at the Government Center

IASWCD – Fund Disbursement Resolution

This is a resolution that would change the way the district is to pay invoices. The Daviess County SWCD is looking for co-sponsors for this resolution. After some discussion Dan Megel made a motion that we co-sponsor this resolution with the second by Jerry St. John.

Equipment –The was some discussion on possibly replacing the 10' no-till drill and other options of equipment that would be useful for landowners to rent from the district such as a wildlife seeder, no-till drill, or lime spreader. Jerry & Brad are going to do some checking on what options we have available.

State ECAP – Laura Fribley went over the information that would be needed for the assessment of the problems facing landowners in the county from the recent rain and flooding. She reminded us that this assessment was due by this Friday, July 25th.

Nutrient Workshop – The Fertility Management Workshop was discussed and will be held at SEPAC on Monday, September 8 beginning at 4 PM with various topics covering sediment and nutrient reduction. The staff will work out the remaining details. This will be advertised in the upcoming newsletter, posters, PSA, etc.

National No-Till Conference

This conference is to be held in Indianapolis in January, 2009. The board discussed options and criteria to attend this at no cost to the landowner. After much discussion it was decided that the SWCD would pay the \$217 registration fee for up to 10 Jennings County farmers (only 1 registration fee per entity). The farmer would pay the initial registration fee and the district would reimburse after they attended.

Tree Sale – Kelly asked the board if they would like to continue with a Fall Tree Sale. Roger Simmons made a motion that we continue with the tree sale and a second was made by Dan Megel

2009 CWI Grants – Laura Fribley was in attendance and covered the details of the 2009 grant application process. The board will have a grant planning meeting at a later date.

Drainage Workshop – Farm Bureau is hosting a Drainage 101 seminar on August 27th. The board discussed sending Denise & Jerry to this seminar. Dan Megel made a motion to send Denise and Jerry to this seminar at a cost of \$50 each. It was also agreed that Richard Schneider would be invited to go along with the district picking up the registration cost for him also. Roger Simmons seconded the motion and all were in favor. Jerry abstained from voting.

Conservation Plans

David Lacey T-2025
Charlie Campbell T-1784
Tom Schneider T-1704

Claims

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant

Next scheduled board meeting – August 26, 2008 @ 7:00pm
USDA Service Center Conference Room