

**Jennings County
Soil & Water Conservation District
August 26, 2008**

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held on August 26, 2008 at the USDA Service Center in North Vernon, Indiana. Chairman Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

<u>Supervisors</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>
Brian Belding			Laura Fribley
Roger Simmons			

Reading of the Minutes

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the July 2008 minutes as submitted, seconded by Dan Megel, motion carried.

Financial Report

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the 7-23-08 to 8-26-08 financial report as submitted, seconded by Dan Megel.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Caitlin McNulty was read. Brad read a flyer about the next session for the Leadership Institute-Communications.

Agency & Committee Reports

Essential Services

Roger reported that there was a request to rezone 32 acres of the Cundiff property on Hwy 50 west to commercial. Since they had no plans as to what they wanted to do with this property the requestors were told to come up with plans and then represent them to the board at a later time.

HHH RC&D

Rob advised the board of an upcoming event to be hosted by the HHH RC&D. September 13th – Nature Days Program

Watershed-Bob Steiner

Written report was submitted

Rule 5 Consultant– Denise Dailey

Denise reported that the 4th St. Extension at Omara's, seeding has been completed. She and Bob are meeting with Brad Pardieck about glass washing down stream into the Muscatatuck Park from the old glass factory. Working with the High School on the parking lot needed there. Working with Reed's Auction Service on a Rule 5.

Kelly Kent – Staff

Written report was submitted.

Jenny Vogel – NRCS

Written report was submitted.

Old Business

Drainage Workshop

Denise Dailey & Jerry St. John will attend this workshop on Wed. August 27th.

2009 CWI Grant

A draft of the grant application was submitted to the board. After everyone had a chance to take a look at this it was decided to proceed with the application. Bob will make a few minor adjustments to the narrative portion and it will be submitted before the September 5th deadline.

Nutrient Workshop

Final preparations are being made for the 2008 CWI SNRG workshop to be held at SEPAC on Monday, September 8th.

Update on Kudzu

Rob reported that the Kudzu at Sam Wagner's pond, at Clarkson's, and at Grill's was sprayed earlier in the day. The railroad has not sprayed the Kudzu along their rails at this time. Still trying to work with Bloemer's and Speer's on trying to access the Kudzu in that area.

2009 Budget & Rule 5

Jerry St. John, Brad Ponsler, and Bob Steiner attended the county budget hearing on August 18th. They reported to the board that the council had made the comment to them about how grateful they were a few years back when the county was having a budget crunch and the council had asked office to try to cut back that the SWCD had not asked for any increases that year and that was very much appreciated. The Rule 5 fee schedule was discussed and the council will back it.

New Business

No-Till Conference

It was decided at the last board meeting to send up to 10 farmers from Jennings County to the National No-Till Conference to be held in Indianapolis in January 2009. Since that decision was made, we found out that if we register by October 1st we could get a discounted rate of \$187 per attendee instead of the \$217 per attendee rate. With that savings of \$30 per attendee we would be able to send 2 additional farmers for about the same money. Dan Megel made a motion to send up to 12 farmers at a rate of \$187 each and that they would pay the SWCD the fee and be reimbursed after they showed proof of attendance. Brian Belding, seconded the motion all were in favor.

Photo Scanner-Cost/Use

The district has several old photos and slides that need to be preserved. After comparing the cost of a scanner that NRCS uses in their offices, they run \$1500 each, Bob located an Epson scanner that will do basically the same for \$150. Jerry St. John made a motion to purchase the Epson scanner with a second from Roger Simmons all were in favor.

Central Muscatatuck Watershed Project Agreement-Rob Miller

The SWCD received a written agreement to participate in the promotion of the Central Muscatatuck Watershed Project and they were all in agreement to sign this.

HHH RC&D Project Committees Tour

Each board member was given a copy of the flyer for this tour.

ECAP update

Jennings County was awarded ECAP funds due to the recent flooding. The board will have a special meeting to discuss the best way to utilize these funds to help the landowners.

Conservation Plans

The following plans were signed by Bob Steiner on behalf of the SWCD board. Lloyd Otte – T-529, Matthew Otte – T-541, Matthew Otte – T-841, Roy Elkins – T-2895, Weston Haney – T-291, Gasper Farm Partnership – T-Multiples, Gasper Farm Partnerships – T-Multiples, Paul Kreutzjans – T-1722, David Grider – SAFE, Doyle Posey – SAFE, Eastwood Herrin – SAFE, Larry Burton – SAFE, Steve Anthers – SAFE

Claims

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

*Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant
Minutes approved by:*

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<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Vice-Chairman</i>
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<i>Member</i>	<i>Member</i>
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Next scheduled board meeting – September 23, 2008 at 7:00 PM
USDA Service Center Conference Room