

**Jennings County  
Soil & Water Conservation District  
September 29, 2009  
September Board Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held on September 29, 2009 at the USDA Service Center in North Vernon, Indiana. Chairman Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM

**Supervisors**

Brad Ponsler  
Jerry St. John  
Dan Megel  
Nathan Burbrink  
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 August, 2009 minutes as submitted, seconded by Dan Megel, motion carried.

**Financial Report**

Dan Megel made a motion to accept the August financial report as submitted, seconded by Jerry St. John, motion carried.

**Correspondence**

No Correspondence

**Agency & Committee Reports**

**Essential Services**

Bob Steiner – Rezoning of 1200 sq ft on Earl Morin property for a telephone switch for SEI Communications.

**HHH RC&D**

No report.

**Watershed-Bob Steiner**

Written report was submitted

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

Working with Morgan Landscaping on pond being built on the backside of their landscaping business. Morgan's was unaware of the required Rule 5 and will be checking on what needs to be done to be in compliance. CSL – more drainage issues with property owners. Met with Jerry Hartley at the MUTC on the project beginning out there. Spoke with Eugene Ebbing, Jeff Browning, & Area Plan on property being excavated on Hwy 50. Determining if there should have been a Rule 5 or rezoning done prior to the start of work.

### **Staff-Kelly Kent**

Written report was submitted

### **NRCS – Jenny Vogel**

Written report was submitted.

### **Old Business**

#### **Community Foundation Trip**

Bob & Brad along with the Jennings Co. Community Foundation met with the Knox Co. Foundation and SWCD to discuss what opportunities might be out there for the SWCD and the local Foundation to partner on.

#### **Recycle Bags**

The recycle/reusable grocery totes have arrived and will be used as giveaways at upcoming events and meetings.

#### **Tree Sale**

Our semi-annual tree sale has ended with 37 trees being purchased.

#### **Grassland Management Workshop**

The workshop had a great turnout and many commented on how much they appreciated the SWCD & DNR working on this. Due to the humidity on the day of the event, a burn was not able to be accomplished but attendees were able to see other forms of grassland management. Thank you to the Decamps for hosting this event on their farm.

#### **2010 Budget**

The staff received notification from the County Council and Commissioners that our submitted budget was approved. The only increase in our budget was for 2 salaried positions. Due to the staff being able to keep costs down in other budgetary items no other increases were submitted to the council.

## **New Business**

### **Outlook Meeting**

Plans are continuing to be made for the upcoming Economic Outlook Meeting on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at the Jennings Co. Public Library. Those attending will be eligible for their PARP credits.

### **Plat Books**

Bob & Kelly have been researching options for a new updated plat book. The publisher selected for this job is Rockford Map Publishers from Illinois. The 2010 plat book will have the regular plat maps along with aerial photos of each township. Dan Megel made a motion to purchase 400 plat books with the option of purchasing more if the need arises at a later time. The motion was seconded by Brian Belding. All in favor.

### **Multifunction Machine**

Bob & Kelly have been researching information about a multifunction machine for the office which would eliminate the need for a copier and a separate color printer thus reducing costs. At this time the only machine on the IT approved list is a Xerox, we are checking prices on a RICOH and should have a quote in 4 to 6 weeks. The Xerox was approved as a purchase outright price of \$7195.

### **IASWCD Annual Conference**

**Registration** – Early registration has been opened if registered before Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> the rate for the 3 day conference is \$245

**Delegates** – A delegate and alternate needs to be selected and submitted to IASWCD by Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>. The board member will look at their schedules to see who would be available to serve.

### **Annual Meeting**

**Date** – The date selected for the Annual Meeting was the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February with a snow date of 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. Since this meeting the speaker was not available for the February date so the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March will be the date for the meeting and the 9<sup>th</sup> of March will be the snow date.

**Entertainment/Speaker**-The board was asked for ideas for a speaker, Bob suggested Donya Lester, Ex. Secretary of the Purdue Ag Alumni Association. All were in favor to see if she was available.

**Catering** – It was recommended that Kelly check with caterers in the Jennings County area and get back with the board on prices.

**Location**-The board would like to have the meeting at the Shrine Club again this year.

**Ticket Cost** – At this time the ticket cost will be \$10 each depending on how much the catering is.

**Conservationist of the Year** – The board was asked to submit names at the next meeting for nomination of this award.

**Educator of the Year** – The board was asked to submit names at the next meeting for nomination of this award.

**Election Committee Names** – The board selected Jerry St. John as the chairman, and Nathan Burbrink and Brad Ponsler as members of this years election committee.

**Appointed Supervisors** – Dan Megel’s appointed term expires in 2010. The board asked Dan if he would like to continue on as a supervisor and he agreed to. Jerry St. John made a motion to appoint Dan Megel to another 3 year term and Nathan Burbrink seconded the motion with the remaining board members all in favor.

**Supervisor Nominees** – Brian Belding’s elected term expires in 2010. The board asked Brian if he would like to run as a supervisor again this year and he agreed to run. The election committee is tasked with finding another nomination for the supervisor position. The deadline for submitting nominations is Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Tile Probe**

Kelly researched prices on a tile probe for the office and found that they ranged from \$25 - \$55 each. It was recommended that she check with Rural King to see what prices they offered them at. Later in the week a tile probe was purchased at Rural King for \$25.

**Other New Business**

**Sam’s Club Membership**

Kelly asked the board to purchase a membership to Sam’s Club in order to purchase items in bulk when available in an attempt to reduce cost of programs, office supplies, etc. Nathan Burbrink made a motion to buy a Sam’s Club membership at \$35/year and Brian Belding seconded the motion.

**Claims**

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 900pm

The next meeting of the Jennings County SWCD Board will be held at the USDA Service Center on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:00pm

*Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant*

*Minutes approved by:*

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*Chairman*

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*Vice-Chairman*

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