

**Jennings County
Soil & Water Conservation District
October 28, 2008**

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held on October 28, 2008 at the USDA Service Center in North Vernon, Indiana. Chairman Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Supervisors

Brad Ponsler
Jerry St. John
Roger Simmons
Dan Megel

SWCD Staff

Kelly Kent
NRCS
Jenny Vogel
HHH RC&D Representative
Rob McGriff

Watershed Coordinator

Bob Steiner

Contracted Technician

Denise Dailey

Reading of the Minutes

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

Financial Report

Dan Megel made a motion to accept the 9-24-08 to 10-28-08 financial report as submitted, seconded by Jerry St. John, motion carried.

Correspondence

No Correspondence

Agency & Committee Reports

Essential Services

Roger reported that there was no meeting.

HHH RC&D

Rob reported that the RC&D office has moved. No other information was reported.

Watershed-Bob Steiner

Written report was submitted

Rule 5 Consultant – Denise Dailey

Denise reported she and Bob have met with Rick Schroeder of IDEM in regards to the glass and runoff at the Clark Station. She is working with Reed's Auction Barn on their Rule 5. She asked that the board support the Jefferson Co. SWCD in their efforts to host a March 4, 2009 SNRG workshop for contractors and engineers at the Madison Venture Out Business Center. The board agreed to help support this workshop.

Staff-Kelly Kent

Written report was submitted

NRCS – Jenny Vogel

Written report was submitted

Old Business

No-Till Workshop

Kelly reported that we have not had anyone financially commit to attending the No-Till Workshop. She asked the board to help promote this and the office would be mailing out letters to producers we thought might be interested.

Intern-Zach Hicks

Zach has been working for the office since the beginning of the school year as a non-paid intern and has a great interest in the field of Natural Resources. The school program he is in will change for the second semester to a paid internship. Upon learning of this the staff has asked the board to consider funding a paid internship for the second semester. The board agreed that this would be an excellent opportunity for Zach and a benefit to the office. The staff was tasked with verifying either through the Earth Team Volunteer Program or the county's insurance carrier that Zach would qualify under the liability coverage that they provide. Based on liability coverage verification Dan Megel made a motion to hire Zach as the second semester intern and Roger Simmons seconded the motion, motion carried.

Annual Meeting

The SWCD checked prices with several local caterers and after some discussion Dan Megel made a motion to book with Broad Acres and Roger Simmons seconded the motion. Motion carried. The menu is to be determined but will include 2 meats, potato, 2 vegetables, salad or slaw, bread, 2 desserts, coffee, tea, lemonade, & paper products at a rate of \$10 per person. The tickets will remain at \$8 per person. Jerry St. John made a motion that the speaker for the evening will be Brett Eastburn. Dan Megel, seconded with all in favor. Detail for cost and length of program will be determined at a later time.

IASWCD Delegate for Annual Conference

The board recommended that Dan Megel be the delegate with Brad Ponsler as the alternate.

Equipment

Quotes for replacing the No-Till Drill and the Warm-Season Grass Drill were received from Jacobi Sales of Seymour and Miller Equipment of Greensburg. Kelly reported that she had also contacted Woods Equipment of Versailles but had not received the quote at the time of this meeting. The salesman from Miller Equipment will stop by the office to take a look at our current equipment and give us a quote on what it would be worth on trade in. At this time the board elected to table this until the next meeting until all quotes and trade-in offers were available.

ECAP Update

Kelly and Bob reported to the board that 50% of the funds for this program should be put into our account by the end of the week. Bob has an application for producers to fill out. This program has been advertised in the North Vernon, Seymour, & Columbus newspapers and has an application deadline of Friday, November 21, 2008. The board will be tasked with considering the funding of these applications at their November 25th board meeting. There is a just under \$28,000 available on this program.

New Business

Outlook Meeting

This years meeting will be on Wed. Dec. 10th at 8am at the Jennings County Community Building with breakfast being served. Dr. Chris Hurt and Barry Fisher will again be the speakers for this program. The staff will begin advertising for this event.

Christmas Meeting

This years Christmas Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4th. Roger Simmons made a motion to hold it at the White Front Café in North Vernon, with Dan Megel making the second. Motion carried.

NACD Dues

The 2009 NACD Dues letter was received and the dues for the Silver Level are \$775.00 Jerry St. John made a motion to pay the dues and Dan Megel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Leadership Institute – Communications

The workshop is to be held at New Harmony Inn on Friday, November 21 and Saturday, November 22. Bob and Kelly asked the board to allow them to attend. The board felt that this program would be a good opportunity for both. Roger Simmons made a motion to send both Bob and Kelly with Dan Megel making the second. Motion carried.

Conservation Plans

The following plans were signed by Bob Steiner on behalf of the SWCD board. Doug Lewis – T-2449, Joe Welch – T-278, David Engle – T-3214, Mildred Fenneberg – T-3017, and Alfred Fenneberg – T-471

Claims

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member