

**Jennings County  
Soil & Water Conservation District  
November 24, 2009  
November Board Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held on November 24, 2009 at the USDA Service Center in North Vernon, Indiana. Chairman Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

**Supervisors**

Brad Ponsler  
Jerry St. John

**SWCD Staff**

Kelly Kent

**NRCS**

Jenny Vogel

**Assoc.Supervisor/HHH Representative**

Rob McGriff

**Watershed Coordinator**

Bob Steiner

**Contracted Technician**

Denise Dailey

**Reading of the Minutes**

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the October, 2009 minutes as submitted.

**Financial Report**

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the October financial report as submitted.

**Correspondence**

NACD Dues - \$775.00 for 2010 – This item was tabled until January meeting

**Agency & Committee Reports**

**Essential Services**

Bob Steiner reported that there were two requests at the last meeting. Roger Morgan would like to rezone 1 acre from commercial to residential to put a mobile home on the back side of his business property. Black Diamond Estates requested to go from 7 platted lots to 3 lots. Both items were recommended to be heard by the APC.

**HHH RC&D**

Rob McGriff reported that he had attended the recent meeting and reported that they were working with Central Muscatatuck Watershed to get that project promoted since they have received the funding for it now. There were a few items discussed pertaining to the bylaws but no changes were made. They have set the date for their Annual Meeting to be March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Watershed-Bob Steiner**

Written report was submitted.

**Rule 5 Consultant – Denise Dailey**

Denise reported she had been working with area plan on various items. She has also been out at the airport project and everything is working well on that site. After speaking with Roger Morgan he is working on putting together a Rule 5 plan to be in compliance. Also, she is working with Bob Browlen, State Environmental Director who is the military liaison at MUTC with technical assistance. The Ebbing property continues to be of some concern but IDEM is handling this situation to get them in compliance.

#### **Staff-Kelly Kent**

Written report was submitted

#### **NRCS – Jenny Vogel**

Written report was submitted. Jenny also informed the board about the Local Food and Ag Committee will be meeting on Wed. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> and they have changed the leadership role to follow the calendar year with '09 being NRCS, '10 being FSA, and '11 being Rural Development.

#### **Old Business**

#### **Multifunction Machine- Ordered**

The office has made a verbal agreement with Ricoh to purchase a multifunction machine and we are waiting for the final paperwork to be completed.

#### **Outlook Meeting**

The final plan for the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting is coming together and food will be purchased from Subway with funds being received from outside sources to cover the cost.

#### **2010 CWI Grant Application**

The district has received word that we received a \$7000 grant and Kelly reported to the board that we are ready for the signs but waiting for the actual funds to arrive to begin that process. The remainder of the grant will be utilized as submitted.

#### **IASWCD Annual Conference**

Registration - Kelly reminded the board that the early registration deadline is November 30<sup>th</sup> for the discounted rate of \$245 for the 3 day conference. 5 rooms have been held for this.

Dan, Jerry, Bob, and Kelly have confirmed their attendance and Kelly will check with Brian and Nathan to see if they plan to attend. Brad is planning on attending only the last day.

#### **Annual Conference Delegates**

Dan Megel will be the delegate with Jerry St. John as the alternate.

#### **Supervisor Nominees**

The nomination committee of Jerry St. John, Brad Ponsler, & Nathan Burbrink were tasked with finding nominees for the position of supervisor on the board for the SWCD. The lone nomination will be Brian Belding.

### **IASWCD Resolutions**

Each supervisor received an email with the resolutions to be discussed at the IASWCD Conference in January.

### **Staff & Board Christmas Party**

The annual Christmas party for board members, staff, and spouses will be held on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Hayden Depot Restaurant.

### **New Business**

#### **Shop Meetings – February 2010**

Shop meetings were started this past February and the turn out and interest seemed to be good so the staff felt it would be a good thing to continue this next year. The tentative dates selected for 4 of these would be February 3, 4, 8, & 9<sup>th</sup> with 2 being lunch meetings and 2 being breakfast meetings. There have been several interested partners wishing to join in and speak to the landowners. The decision was made to continue these shop meetings and that Bob and Jenny select who they feel would be the most beneficial speakers to have attend. More details to follow.

#### **Hay/Forage Samples**

We had a local landowner come in and ask if we had ever considered doing hay/forage testing. Bob did some checking with Tom Schneider, Schneider Feed and Seeds, to see if this is a service that he offers. Tom does offer this service with no financial gain from the test. The board discussed if this was something we wanted to offer. It was recommended by Jerry St. John that we take \$1000 from the SWCD Cost-Share Fund for soil samples to offer this cost-share program at the cost share reimbursement of \$5.50 per hay sample. This decision was tabled until our January meeting.

#### **Conservation Plans**

#### **Claims**

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

#### **Adjournment**

Jerry St. John made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 PM

The next meeting of the Jennings County SWCD Board will be held at the USDA Service Center on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 6:00 PM

*Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant*