

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
November 22, 2011
Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held on November 22, 2011 at the USDA Service Center in North Vernon, Indiana. Chairman Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Supervisors

Nathan Burbrink
Jerry St. John
Brad Ponsler

Staff

Kelly Kent
Bob Steiner

NRCS

Jenny Vogel

Reading of the Minutes

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the October 2011 minutes as submitted, with a second from Nathan Burbrink.

Financial Report

Jerry St. John made a motion to accept the October 2011 financial report as submitted, with a second from Nathan Burbrink.

Correspondence

No Correspondence

Agency & Committee Reports

Essential Services

Bob reported that the only item on their agenda was the rezoning of the Old Carnegie Library.

HHH RC&D

Rob was not present but sent information presented to the board by Kelly. Rob reported that he and Bob had met with Greg Martin of the County Parks to discuss invasive species control and if money comes available in the future, we may pursue control work. He also plans to meet with Greg next week to look over the forest at each park. There will be a Forestry Field Day in Jefferson Co. on December 10th. Recently Dr. Richard Jones was selected as the regional winner of the Charles Deam award at the IFWOA conference in Jasper on Nov. 5th.

Rule 5 Consultant – Denise Dailey

No Report Given

Staff Reports

Bob Steiner

Written report submitted.

Jenny Vogel

Written report submitted.

Kelly Kent

Written report submitted.

Old Business

2012 CWI Grant Update

Annual Meeting Update

The meeting has been set at the Rolling Hills Shrine Club on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 beginning at 6 PM. After some discussion on the speaker/entertainment options a motion was made by Jerry St. John to book Rick Longstreth, Hypnotist Extraordinaire, as the entertainment for a cost of \$1250 plus 1 night's room with a second from Brad Ponsler. Nathan Burbrink was opposed. Kelly will contact the White Front Bed & Breakfast to book a room for Mr. Longstreth. Due to budget cuts and the cost of the Annual Meeting the board agreed that Kelly will send invitation letters out to the County Council, Commissioners, and other elected officials for the Annual Meeting but no free tickets will be given out this year.

State Conference

The district has received information about the 2012 IASWCD State Conference. This year's conference will be held at the Indianapolis Marriott on January 9-11, 2012. The early bird registration is due November 30th and board members were asked to contact Kelly by that date if they plan to attend so that the registration can be taken care of.

Outlook Meeting

Bob updated the board with the agenda for the Outlook Meeting to be held at the Jennings Co. Public Library on Thursday, December 8th beginning at 9:30 AM with the conclusion around 12:30 PM and lunch will be provided by the SWCD.

December Meeting

The SWCD December meeting will be held at the Hayden Depot Café on Monday, December 19th at 6 PM. Board members and staff are asked to RSVP with Kelly by December 5th.

NACD National Conference

Jerry and Dan typically attend this conference but with the budget concerns have elected not to attend this year's event.

New Business

Annual Conference Business Meeting

Brad Ponsler volunteered to be the district's representative at the Annual Conference Business Meeting with Jerry St. John as the alternate. Kelly will submit this.

Central Muscatatuck Watershed Project Update

Bob shared that the CMW has received an additional \$55,000 in funds for conservation practices in that watershed.

Survey Ideas

This topic was to be discussed but the staff was putting together a newsletter to be sent by the next day so Bob had received information on similar surveys that other SWCD had conducted from Brad and found one that we could make a few changes on and get into the newsletter so this was done and presented to the board. All board members were glad to have the staff take care of this.

CRP Contribution Agreement

Bob was approached by the IASWCD Director Jennifer Warner about a CRP Contribution Agreement to provide technical services on CRP practices in Scott Co. This agreement would provide \$5394 to the district for this service. After additional discussion Jerry St. John made a motion to enter into this agreement with a second by Nathan Burbrink.

Conservation Plans

Bob signed plans as needed.

Claims

Claims were submitted to the board and signed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Jerry St. John with a second by Nathan Burbrink at 8:20 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant