

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
November 20, 2013
Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held at the USDA Service Center in North Vernon, Indiana. Jerry St. John called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Supervisors

Jerry St. John

Matt Branham

Nathan Burbrink

Staff

Kelly Kent

Bob Steiner

NRCS

Jenny Vogel

Reading of the Minutes

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the October 2013 minutes as submitted, with a second from Nathan Burbrink.

Financial Report

Nathan Burbrink made a motion to accept the October 22 – November 20, 2013 financial reports as submitted, with a second from Matt Branham.

Correspondence

Agency & Committee Reports

Essential Services

Bob reported ESC met with only 2 requests for rezoning from residential to duplex in Hickory Hills.

HHH RC&D

Nothing to report

Rule 5 Consultant – Denise Dailey

Nothing to report.

Staff Reports

Bob Steiner

Written report submitted.

Jenny Vogel

Written report submitted.

Kelly Kent

Written report submitted.

Old Business

2014 Election Nominations

Jerry St. John, Nominating Committee Chairperson, made a motion to nominate Brad Ponsler with a second from Nathan Burbrink. Jerry also made a motion to accept Tom Schneider as a new Associate Supervisor with a second Nathan Burbrink.

Outlook Meeting – Nov. 22

Bob reported that everything is set for the Ag Economic Outlook Meeting on Friday, November 22 at 9:30 AM at the Jennings County Public Library. Lunch will be served by Subway Catering.

Annual Meeting Details

Kelly reported that the location, caterer, speaker, Judge, & cost have been confirmed for the upcoming Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 4. The Educator of the Year award winner was selected and will be announced later. A motion was made by Nathan Burbrink with a second from Matt Branham for the award recipient.

IASWCD Annual Meeting

Kelly reported that 4 supervisors and 2 staff have been registered to attend the 2014 IASWCD Annual Conference in January, 2014 at Indianapolis.

NACD Annual Conference

Dan Megel will be attending this year's NACD Annual Conference in Anaheim, California. Kelly has made reservations for him.

Strawblower

Kelly will be checking with Mike Clancey on this before the next meeting.

New Business

NACD Dues

The 2014 NACD Dues are \$775. Matt Branham made a motion to pay the dues with a second from Nathan Burbrink.

Resolutions – IASWCD Annual Conference

Kelly read the two proposed resolutions to be presented at the business meeting at this year's IASWCD Annual Conference. Jerry St. John was previously selected to be the Jennings County SWCD delegate at the business meeting. The board members voted yes to the resolution "Economic Impact of Cover Crops, No-till and Improved Soil Health" and voted no to the resolution "IASWCD's Accountability to their Members".

CRP Contribution Agreement

IASWCD and NRCS have entered into a CRP Contribution Agreement. Bob Steiner asked the board if they would be willing to have him take on this extra job in checking CRP in Jennings County. By doing this the SWCD would be reimbursed up to \$5481.60. Matt Branham made a motion to enter in to this agreement with a second from 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 7:50 PM
Minutes submitted by Kelly Kent, Administrative Assistant