

WARREN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
February 19, 2019

The Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at the Warren County USDA Service Center in Monmouth, starting at 1 p.m. pursuant to due notice given. The meeting was called to order and presided over by Vice-Chairman Matt Dutton. Other board members present were Thadd Tharp, Merrill Martin, Richard Youngquist, and Terry Davis was on conference. Associate Directors present were Ben Sanberg. Also present was Conservation Technician, Keely Egelhoff and Natural Resource Conservation Service, District Conservationist, Cathy Froelich.

Agenda was changed to accommodate a guest and time schedules. Things that needed voted on were discussed first.

**Correspondences:** Wendy Brokaw was in attendance to discuss matters with the board.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the January meeting were mailed and emailed out before the meeting for the board members to read. **Thad Tharp moved, and Merrill Martin seconded to put the minutes from the January 15, 2019 meeting on file. Motion carried.**

- Minutes from the LUC 4 meeting were disused and read. Knox County will be taking over the financial accounts and needs approval from all counties to proceed. **Richard Youngquist moved, and Merrill Martin seconded to put the minutes from the LUC 4 Meeting held on February 7, 2019 meeting on file. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Financial Statements were not presented. The board was working to change information at the bank and the changes had not gone through yet. **Thad Tharp moved to pass. Merrill Martin seconded. Motion passed**

**Approve Bills:** Keely Egelhoff discussed bills that needed to be paid by the district plus reimburse Terry Davis for the purchase of the website domain. **Merrill Martin moved, and Thad Tharp seconded the motion. Motion passed**

- **Thad Tharp moved to pay the \$775 NACD dues, seconded by Merrill Martin. Motion passed**

**Staff Reports:**

- **NRCS Report** – Mary is leaving for Ottawa, Nicole has sent out all reminder letters for each county. Conservation Compliance tracts are not known yet but expect to know soon.
- **Keely Egelhoff** –Worked on EQIP applications, promotion activities, training more on waterway and basin designs.
- **Land Use Council** –Elected new board members, Knox County to take over financials. Envirothon is coming together.
- **AISWCD** – executive director has seen no real movement on money. They are planning summer conference. Legislative day is March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Marty McManus, BLWR Report** – New director of Ag- John Sullivan, New acting bureau chief- Brian Rennecker, cropping seminar went well, Annual reports due in April.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Personnel** – Thad Tharp has someone in mind to work 16 hours a week as a possible administrative person. Board will discuss further later.
- **Finance** – Waiting on FY 2019 funds- Money has not been sent to comptroller's office
- **Legislative**- New Governor started in January, New Bureau Chief, New Director of Agriculture.
- **Education/ information**- Contractor meeting, trees have been ordered, Envirothon LUC 4 April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **Cedar Creek Conservation Area**- No Report

### **Old Business:**

- CCCA Timber Settlement Update- DeJoode explained where the district stood on the case and what he recommended for the next steps.
- CCCA Pasture – EQIP- Thad Tharp has talked to Fred Hall about what the district expects out of him. Neal Anderson is looking to do CPP for his dry dam. When the weather is good this will be surveyed and designed for him.
- General Director Election- Feb. 19, 2019 7:00-5:30 pm at the USDA Service Center in Warren County.
- 1099-W2 – Tegeler has finished and sent both out. The district will not continue the Aflac account. Tegeler will be coming later after some scheduling is finished.
- Ag Mech Show- Was successful. Over 20 new potential customers in 4 counties.

### **New Business:**

- Contract with Jensen on the CCCA Pasture area is almost over. Discussion held on the specifics of the contract and how to handle it when the contract is over.
- STAR forms to be filled out after the meeting.
- **Thad Tharp moved to create a Facebook and Twitter page. Richard Youngquist seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
- Keely Egelhoff and Cathy Froelich plan to make farm visits to work on spending the CPP money.
- Contractor Meeting is March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Farm Bureau building in town. Will start at 8:30, breakfast included before the meeting.
- When CREP is rolled out statewide the county would like it to be advertised.
- Keely Egelhoff will be going to bootcamp training in Nebraska March 26-April 11
- Due to Keely's Egelhoff training. Board members were asked to help with the fish sale.
- Discussions have happened with Joel Gruver about possible field days at the Allison Farm and he is preparing a soil test bucket for the district to use.
- A letter from the Attorney General's office arrived. This was read to the board. Further action will be taken.
- Next meeting will be March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 starting at 1:00 p.m.
- **Thad Tharp moved to adjourn, and Merrill Martin seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.**  
The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Youngquist, Board Treasurer/Secretary

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Terry Davis  
Warren Co. Chairman