

Logan Soil and Water Conservation District

324 Co. Rd. 11 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

April 17, 2019

Present: Tim Lyden, Frank Phelps, Joe Ramsey, Eric Johnson, and Dave Knight – Supervisors
Steve Searson – District Administrator/District Technician
Jennifer Snipes – Administrative Assistant
Leisha Billenstein – NRCS District Conservationist
Jocelyn Henderson – Area IV Program Specialist, ODA
Rod Kuykendall – Area IV ASTC-FO, NRCS

Tim Lyden called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Joe Ramsey to approve the March 2019 regular board meeting minutes as emailed. Frank Phelps seconded. Motion Carried

The financial report was reviewed as emailed. Frank Phelps made a motion to approve the financial statement. Dave Knight seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Jennifer Snipes explained that we received requests to lock in rates or let them ride for both electric and gas. The pros and cons were discussed. Frank Phelps made a motion to let them ride and not lock in a rate for electric and let gas go with the automatic rate provided. Eric Johnson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Jennifer brought the Form 11 to the meeting and let the board know it was completed. Joe Ramsey signed as fiscal officer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jennifer gave an update on the wrap up of the tree sale. It was still undecided if we will offer tree shelters in the future as the price has increased drastically. Also, Eric Johnson made a motion to approve excess trees be donated to Bellefontaine Parks and Recreation. Joe Ramsey seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Jennifer let the board know that all payouts should be done for the OEEF grant and that only the SWCD bills need submitted to the grant. She also read an email from D. Shellhaas about the remainder of the responsibilities to finish the grant.

Steve Searson informed the board of the arrival of the gator and Jennifer gave the final cost and noted that the bill has been submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

The new carpet was installed. The total which was previously quoted and agreed upon was paid out of Special Funds other account. Logan SWCD half = \$3779.20, Beelman Management half = \$3779.20/4 quarters = \$944.80 deduction from rent each quarter of 2019. First quarter rent was also submitted now that we had a total for carpet.

Prior to carpet installation the office was cleaned, and a few items were recycled. Jennifer provided the inventory retirement reporting forms that were completed for the old plotter, typewriter, and blue line machine. Frank Phelps made a motion to approve these reductions. Eric Johnson seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Also noted is that a new plotter is ordered for our use.

Jennifer Snipes asked for approval to order a polo shirt for herself and Steve Searson for educational events from educational grant funds. She stated that it would give more public knowledge of our offices at events like the fair, Earth Day celebrations, Envirothon, etc. if we had our name on shirts. Eric Johnson made a motion to approve this request. Frank Phelps seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

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It was brought up and agreed upon to move Reports to the beginning of the meeting after the meeting is brought to order and to add Board Reports to the agenda for any board member who has something to discuss.

REPORTS:

NRCS Updates

The following NRCS updates were given:

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program):

- Working on getting engineering practices designed and construction checked.
The number of backlogged practices has been significantly reduced
Working on completing pre-construction meetings
- Sign up for 2019
16 applications on file
Internal pre-approvals are being release this week
1 application has been obligated

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- Sign-up ends May 10
- Currently have 3 applications on file

FSA ASSISTED FARM BILL PROGRAMS:

Food Security Act –Highly Erodible Land & Wetland Compliance

- 21 HEL Determination (total for the year).
- 21 Wetland Determinations (total for the year).
- There are 4 reconsiderations determinations pending. All determinations with the area office are complete.
- 1 Determination pending in the office

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) –

- Approving cost share for practices as they are received from FSA
- Waiting on more sign-up announcements

Schedule Update:

- Area Meeting scheduled for April 23
- QAR is scheduled for May 21-23. The opening meeting is at 10:00 a.m. on May 21st and board members are welcome to attend.
- LaRae is currently acting DC for Madison & Clark counties
- The bill for the furniture moving has been sent to the area office.

ODA Updates

Jocelyn’s updates were previously emailed to the board and she gave updates on the Lake Erie -Western Basin programs. Also, she talked about the Envirothon, Form 11, and will meet with Jennifer about the Internal Review.

MNM & Technical Updates

Steve Searson reported that he had no manure complaints. He has been working on numerous projects and has followed up on many phone call inquiries. He also gave an update on the EMA grant for Jefferson Twp.

Rod Kuykendall gave a brief of activities going on at NRCS. It was great having Rod attend.

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Eric Johnson at 10:08 AM to adjourn. Joe Ramsey seconded. Motion carried.

Tim Lyden, Chairman

Frank Phelps, Secretary

Jennifer Snipes, Recording Secretary

cc: Logan SWCD Supervisors, Jocelyn Henderson, Logan County Commissioners, Bill Conklin
Next Regular Meeting Date: May 15, 2019 at 8:30 AM.

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