

Logan Soil and Water Conservation District

324 Co. Rd. 11 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

May 15, 2019

Present: Tim Lyden, Frank Phelps, Joe Ramsey, Eric Johnson, and Dave Knight – Supervisors
Steve Searson – District Administrator/District Technician
Jennifer Snipes – Administrative Assistant
Paul Benedetti – Logan County Commissioner

Tim Lyden called the meeting to order at 8:37 AM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

A motion was made by Frank Phelps to approve the April 2019 regular board meeting minutes as emailed. Eric Johnson seconded. Motion Carried

REPORTS:

NRCS Updates

Leisha was sick; however, the following NRCS updates were given and she will email her report to supervisors.

There are currently 2 EQIP applications tentatively pre-approved for funding.

Charlie Allen has accepted another position and is no longer with Pheasants Forever.

Leisha's NRCS QAR is next week and Jennifer will send a reminder to supervisors on Monday, May 20th in case they would like to attend the QAR meeting.

ODA Updates

Jocelyn's updates were previously emailed to the board. Steve gave an update on pollution abatement that was emailed by Jocelyn. Jennifer explained that she and Jocelyn would be going over the internal review and will be approved by Jennifer, Steve, and Jocelyn.

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 gave an update on a waterway, a stream crossing, and other projects he is currently working on. He is also following up with a logjam complaint.

REPORTS:

The financial report was reviewed as emailed.

Jennifer noted that approval was needed for three refunds due to dormancy of butterfly milkweed with the pollinator plugs. McCully \$82.18, Leen \$13.69, Furness \$68.48.

Also, prior to financial approvals Jennifer read an email that was received from the Logan Co. Auditor pertaining to vacation accrual rates being 3 decimal places out. She explained she took the steps to scan and highlight needed information and emailed back to Logan Co. Auditor the approved Personnel Policy that was approved in January.

David Knight made a motion to approve the financial statement and refunds. Frank Phelps seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jennifer gave updates on attending Honda East Liberty Plant Earth Day Celebration explaining that over 400 employees visualized our materials and we tried to get a homeowner guide into the hands of all Logan County residents.

The Area IV Envirothon was attended by six area teams, three from Bellefontaine and three from Indian Lake. The Bellefontaine 2 team placed 6th in the Area IV competition. This is a great accomplishment.

The final numbers were given on Pollinator Plugs and it was discussed that we also offered these to the public this year.

Steve gave an update on being able to accomplish some previously delayed projects now that we have access to.

Options were discussed for the Jefferson Twp. home erosion issue. Steve gave an update of the denial of the original grant request until further determinations are made, and this would put it on an extended-out timeline. The board decided to mail a letter with the information to the homeowner suggesting contacting the township trustees of Jefferson Twp. for advice on future actions.

Jennifer passed around a thank you note from Logan County Libraries for a 60 tree donation for Earth Day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Logan County Fair was discussed including how we could improve our visibility. The board suggested Jennifer and Steve come up with a plan and bring back to the June meeting for approval. The board did like the idea of contributing snacks and water to the barnyard Olympics for Jr. Fair again.

Joe Ramsey made a motion to approve the new Logan County Policies and Procedures in the new format. Eric Johnson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Steve gave a summary of updates that will be needed on survey equipment in the near future.

Jennifer gave update that at this time we are looking at September 12, 2019 for the annual meeting. Steve suggested Michael VanWinkle as this year's farm family. Frank Phelps made a motion to pursue Michael VanWinkle as the farm family for this year with the numerous practices he has in place and the cooperation with Logan SWCD with events and programs. Joe Ramsey seconded it. Motion passed.

We have received a request for Ohio Farm Family Nominations. Joe Ramsey moved to nominate the Tim & Lynn Miller Family. Dave Knight seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Election/Nominating Committee Meeting was discussed, and David Knight has contacted some possible candidates. Jennifer will arrange a meeting for the nominating committee and provided last year's information.

Jennifer gave update on internal review. The current up to date inventory was provided for signatures as well.

DIY Tour/School Day update was given and suggestions for stops were provided.

A request for a scholarship was received. Joe Ramsey made a motion to provide a \$200 scholarship. Eric Johnson seconded the motion. Frank Phelps abstained. Motion carried. Jennifer will mail notification of scholarship and arrange delivery of check made to Camp Canopy to accompany registration by camper.

District and county soil judging were discussed as a heads up for this fall. Logan County has been asked to hold the district soil judging contest. Details were discussed, and more information needs to be obtained.

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As there was no further business, a motion was made by Frank Phelps at 10:19 AM to adjourn. David Knight 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: June 19, 2019 at 8:30 AM.

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