

Logan Soil and Water Conservation District

324 Co. Rd. 11 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

June 19, 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

Tim Lyden called the meeting to order at 8:36 AM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Abbi Hastings with ILWP presented a copier proposal to the Logan SWCD board to switch from Perry ProTech to Donnellon McCarthy with a reduction in contract price as well as Donnellon McCarthy buying out the existing contract on the Perry ProTech we currently have another year lease on. Logan SWCD would then be responsible for ½ of the quoted monthly contract price payable to ILWP as copier rent. Eric Johnson moved to approve this proposal, Dave Knight seconded the motion. Frank Phelps abstained. Motion Carried. Abbi will now approach her ILWP board with said proposal.

A motion was made by Joe Ramsey to approve the May 2019 regular board meeting minutes as emailed. Dave Knight seconded. Motion Carried

REPORTS:

Darin Leach with FSA stopped in to inform the board of happenings in their agency. CRP has opened a continuous sign-up and several applications have been received.

NRCS Updates

The following NRCS updates were given:

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program):

- Working on getting engineering practices designed and construction checked.
Construction on a waste storage facility, pasture practices, and animal mortality composter should be completed soon.
- Sign up for 2019
1 Pre-Approved, 1 Obligated, and 4 were internally Pre-Approved and ready for folder review

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- Sign-up ended May 10, currently have 2 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.
- 9 Determination pending in the office

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) –

- Continuous CRP sign-up started June 3rd
 - FSA is accepting applications for waterways, filter strips, and wetlands.
 - September 13th is the deadline to complete engineering plans.
 - 10 new waterway applications
 - 5 new filter strip applications
- FSA is also accepting re-enroll applications for CRP
 - All re-enroll applications must have field visits
 - 1 filter strip re-enroll and 2 waterway re-enroll applications, 11 applicants have responded that they plan to re-enroll

Schedule Update:

- QAR was completed May 21-22. The final report with deadlines is available for review
- LaRae is currently acting DC for Madison & Clark counties
- Area meeting is scheduled for June 26
- Leisha will be on vacation July 12th and 15th

ODA Updates

Jocelyn updated the board on her notes. She noted Summer Supervisor School information and let them know about the Nutrient Management Training that has been happening.

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 due to drainage issues and flooding. There has been a large increase in the number of visits requested due to the extreme weather this year. He gave an update on waterways he has been working on and upcoming field work he has projected in the coming months for CRP.

The district soil judging contest will be held in Logan County on September 26 and work has begun to secure a site and prepare needed materials.

REPORTS:

The financial report was reviewed as emailed.

Jennifer informed the board that all allocated funds from Pheasant's Forever that were to be used for Envirothon in the Education Grant Funds have now been used; therefore, there are no restrictions on any of the monies in the Education Grant at this time. All OEEF funds were used as well and the OEEF Grant has been closed and all final reporting done. Frank Phelps made a motion to approve the financial statement. Eric Johnson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jennifer gave an update on old business for the following...

We did award one scholarship to Camp Canopy. Our farm family of the year nomination was received by ODA. Indian Lake Elementary School received a grant that we had previously written a collaboration letter to assist with needs when the time comes. Our internal review was completed, and Jocelyn Henderson provided feedback that has been addressed for the future. Also, as previously stated the OEEF Teacher Workshop Grant through Ohio EPA has been completed and all reports and materials submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Logan County Fair was discussed, Jennifer proposed the following appropriations of @ \$175 for a vertical banner @ \$75 for shirts for Steve, Joe, and Jennifer, @ \$375 for 500 fans, @ \$50 for snacks for Barnyard Olympics, and @ \$105 for prizes of a bean bag toss contest if allowable. Joe Ramsey made a motion to approve proposed approximate appropriations. Dave Knight seconded. Motion Carried. Jennifer also let the board know that she had talked with OSU Extension and previously proposed was just enough space for a vertical banner, but she has since received notification that there may be booth space available.

Frank Phelps moved to table the Logan SWCD Policies and Procedures until next meeting. Joe Ramsey seconded the motion. Motion carried to discuss at the next meeting.

The annual/meeting banquet was discussed, and Jennifer asked if the board had opinions about the caterer or time of meal. The board had no opinion so Jennifer will let Jill know that we are ok with Farm Bureau's choices. The meeting will be held on September 12, 2019 at Winner's Harvest Barn.

We are moving forward with the election process and have confirmed that Gloria Carson will run for the open seat that will be vacated by Dave Knight. We also have one other person who has shown interest but needs to be confirmed.

Jennifer gave an update on the of the DIY/School Day Tour and farmers that are confirmed. A meeting will be held on June 20th to discuss details further.

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As there was no further business, a motion was made by Frank Phelps at 10:20 AM to adjourn. David Knight seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.

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: July 17, 2019 at 8:30 AM.

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