

***Logan Soil and Water Conservation District***

***324 Co. Rd. 11 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311***

July 17, 2019

Present: Tim Lyden, Frank Phelps, Joe Ramsey, and Eric Johnson – Supervisors  
Steve Searson – District Administrator/District Technician  
Jennifer Snipes – Administrative Assistant  
Leisha Billenstein – NRCS District Conservationist

Tim Lyden called the meeting to order at 8:29 AM.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

**REPORTS:**

**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.
  - Working on cover pages for private engineer designs
- Sign up for 2019
  - 4 Pre-Approved and ready for signatures: \$121,250
  - 3 Obligated: \$49,726
  - 1 application request cancellation
- Ohio Disaster Recover Funding opened on July 1. A total of \$4,000,000 is available for funding cover crops on unplanted acres.
  - Payment rate is \$30/acre with a \$15,000 per contract limit
  - First cut off for funding was July 12, 2019.
    - We received a total of 32 applications
    - Applications were for a total of approximately \$234,000
    - A total of 7 applications have been pre-approved
    - The total obligation amount will be \$78,784

**CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)**

- Currently have 2 eligible applications on file
- The one NIPF application has been tentatively pre-approved

**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.
- 11 Determination pending in the office

**CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) –**

- Continuous CRP sign-up started June 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - FSA is accepting applications for waterways, filter strips, and wetlands.
  - September 13<sup>th</sup> 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:**

- LaRae is currently acting DC for Madison & Clark counties
- Mandatory DC meeting at summer supervisor school on July 29<sup>th</sup>

**ODA Updates**

Jocelyn's notes had been previously emailed. Jennifer did talk about the questionnaire received from the Auditor of State of Ohio about our upcoming audits being bid out.

**MNM & Technical Updates**

Steve Searson reported that he had no manure complaints. He has been working mostly on waterways and getting them surveyed. He has a couple more to do and the preliminary to get them all laid out is August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**REPORTS:**

The financial report was reviewed as emailed.

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...

-Tim and Lynn Miller received Farm Family of the Year, the award will be presented at the Farm Science Review.

-Logan County Fair Fans were well received. The final totals for all items of the vertical banner, shirts, fans, and ice cream sandwiches were \$513.33

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jennifer discussed the Logan SWCD Policies and Procedures and the need to streamline the repetition of information. She will update accordingly and bring back a copy for approval.

An update was given on the election. We currently have two candidates committed to running.

The plans for the DIY Tour/School Day are progressing. Logan SWCD applied for a grant to possibly get a soils trailer for use during the tour/school day.

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As there was no further business, a motion was made by Joe Ramsey at 9:25 AM to adjourn. Eric Johnson seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.

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**Tim Lyden, Chairman**

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**Frank Phelps, Secretary**

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**Jennifer Snipes, Recording Secretary**

cc: Logan SWCD Supervisors, Jocelyn Henderson, Logan County Commissioners, Bill Conklin

**Next Regular Meeting Date: August 21, 2019 at 8:30 AM.**