

***Logan Soil and Water Conservation District
324 Co. Rd. 11 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311***

January 20, 2021

Present: Tim Lyden, Eric Johnson, Joe Ramsey, Frank Phelps, and Gloria Carson – Supervisors
Jennifer Snipes – Administrative Assistant

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

On a motion by Gloria Carson, seconded by Joe Ramsey, and unanimously carried, the board approved the minutes of the regular December 2020 meeting.

REPORTS:

NRCS Updates

The following NRCS updates were given:

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program):

- Continuing to make payments as practices are completed.
- Application cutoff for 2021 funding was January 15
 - Received 12 applications before the deadline

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- All 6 re-enroll applications have been obligated
 - 1,342.8 acres will be re-enrolled and \$163,258 will be paid over 5 years
- All CSP payments have been approved

ACEP (Agricultural Conservation Easement Program)

- Still accepting applications

FSA ASSISTED FARM BILL PROGRAMS:

Food Security Act –Highly Erodible Land & Wetland Compliance

- 65 HEL Determinations (total for the 2020).
- 65 Wetland Determinations (total for the 2020).
- All determinations pending in the field office have been sent for signatures and should be mailed next week
- Approximately 8 determinations pending in the office

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) –

- Field checks are required this year for the 2021 and 2022 re-enrolls.
 - Maps have been provided by FSA and will start completing field checks
- FSA is currently accepting applications for whole field sign-ups

Schedule Update:

- Current operation status is to maximize telework and the USDA offices are closed to outside visitors. Field work is to continue as needed.

ODA Updates

Jocelyn Henderson's notes were previously emailed. ODA is currently teleworking due to COVID-19. The board discussed the request from The Nature Conservancy to write a letter of support for an upcoming proposal being submitted to the RCPP-AFA. We will provide a letter for the backing of this project with in-kind technical support.

MNM & Technical Updates

Steve reported that there were no manure complaints. Steve has been working on surveys and designs for access roads, pipelines, a fence and watering system, a surface drain and waterway, as well as a heavy use area. He also did a development review and evaluations on a ditch tile repair, pond repair, and drain problem repair.

Board Reports

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The financial reports were reviewed. On a motion by Frank Phelps, seconded by Eric Johnson the financial reports for the month ending December 31, 2020 were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Joe Ramsey, seconded by Gloria Carson, and unanimously carried, the board approved the 2021 Sale Items Price List.

On a motion by Frank Phelps, seconded by Gloria Carson, and unanimously carried, the board approved the 2021 Financial Institutions and Balances.

On a motion by Joe Ramsey, seconded by Eric Johnson, and unanimously carried, the board approved the 2021 Spending Authority Amounts for the District Administrator and the Administrative Assistant.

On a motion by Joe Ramsey, seconded by Gloria Carson, and unanimously carried, the board approved the purchase of Facebook Ads for the tree sale for 2021.

On a motion by Frank Phelps, seconded by Eric Johnson, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of \$35 to the Exchange Club of Bellefontaine for yearly flag service for 2021.

On a motion by Eric Johnson, seconded by Joe Ramsey, and unanimously carried with Frank Phelps abstaining, the board approved the payment of \$15 to ILDC for the 2021 Membership.

Jennifer informed the board that we had submitted contribution agreements in the amount of \$2,917.50 for October, November, and December. She also let the board know that we received all requested appropriations from the county and that she will follow-up with the payment request at the end of March if we do not receive it by then.

On a motion by Joe Ramsey, seconded by Gloria Carson, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of \$60 for Science Fair Awards for Ben Logan Schools. We have again been asked to judge the conservation projects which will be emailed to us via slide shows at the beginning of February.

OLD BUSINESS:

A Ben Logan Middle School teacher borrowed the stream table. Jennifer and Steve took it out to the school and set it up for them to use.

Jennifer gave the board an update on the employee search and provided the candidates we received along with letting them know that she and Steve had decided we wanted to leave the position open until more candidates that were graduating in the spring would be available for applying.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jennifer let the board know the NACD National Convention Registration was open and she had previously emailed them the speakers so that if any of them wanted to join the virtual sessions she could register them. At this time, all board members declined registration.

Re-elected board members took the supervisor oath of office prior to our January 2021 meeting. Joe Ramsey was sworn in by Tamara D. Smith on December 17, 2020 and Frank Phelps was sworn in by Mark S. O'Connor on December 19, 2020.

The board reorganization was done and the newly held positions are as follows...

Chairperson – Frank Phelps

Vice Chairperson – Gloria Carson

Secretary – Tim Lyden

Fiscal Officer – Joe Ramsey

Member – Eric Johnson

On a motion by Joe Ramsey, seconded by Eric Johnson, and unanimously carried, these positions were confirmed.

On a motion by Frank Phelps, seconded by Eric Johnson, and unanimously carried, the board reconfirmed Jennifer Snipes as the Public Records Representative.

On a motion by Joe Ramsey, seconded by Gloria Carson, and unanimously carried, the board approved the 2021 Annual Plan of Work. All board members signed the plan.

On a motion by Frank Phelps, seconded by Gloria Carson, and unanimously carried, the board approved the 2021 Personnel Policy. All board members signed the policy.

The board assigned Joe Ramsey as the nominating committee chair for 2021.

All staff and board members signed and returned the Receipt of Ohio Ethics Law Statement.

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As there was no further business, a motion was made by Frank Phelps at 9:25AM to adjourn. Eric Johnson seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried by the board and meeting adjourned.

Frank Phelps, Chairman

Tim Lyden, Secretary

Jennifer Snipes, Recording Secretary

cc: Logan SWCD Supervisors, Jocelyn Henderson, Logan County Commissioners, Theresa Howick

Next Regular Meeting Date: February 17, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.