

Logan Soil and Water Conservation District

324 Co. Rd. 11 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

March 16, 2022

Present: Kelsey Cummins, Joe Ramsey, Frank Phelps, Tim Lyden, and Gloria Carson – Supervisors
Steve Searson – District Administrator/Technician
Jennifer Snipes – Administrative Assistant
Trace Smail – District Technician
Leisha Billenstein – NRCS District Conservationist

Frank Phelps called the meeting to order at 8:28 AM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

On a motion by Kelsey Cummins, seconded by Tim Lyden, and unanimously carried, the board approved the minutes of the regular February 2022 meeting.

REPORTS:

NRCS Updates

The following NRCS updates were given:

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program):

- Following up with behind schedule contracts.
- Currently have 11 applications that met the eligibility deadline.
- Working to follow-up with behind schedule applications.

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- All payments for all existing contracts have been approved.
- Letters for re-enroll applications will be mailed by the state office
 - 6 applications are eligible for re-enroll
 - Have received 2 already, deadline is April 15
- Currently have 3 applications on file.

ACEP (Agricultural Conservation Easement Program)

- WRE application deadline is February 18.
- Farmland preservation deadline is January 14.
- Area office is completing site monitoring this year

FSA ASSISTED FARM BILL PROGRAMS:

Food Security Act –Highly Erodible Land & Wetland Compliance

- 17 HEL Determinations (total for the 2022).
- 17 Wetland Determinations (total for the 2022).
- Waiting on one determination to be signed so it can be mailed. Down to 6 pending in the office including 2 that came over this week.
- There are approximately 7 determinations/reconsiderations pending in the area office including reconsiderations.

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) –

- Maps for 2023 re-enrolls have been sent over from FSA. Trace and Ashley will start checks soon.
- MCM job sheets have been mailed for all practices.
- Starting to get applications for new contracts. Have received approximately 11 different applications for waterways.

Schedule Update:

- Face masks are no longer required to be worn in the field office by visitors or staff.

- Civil Rights Review
 - EEO/CR policy
 - 1619 agreement
 - MOU
 - Office Schedule
 - Anti-Harassment Policy

ODA Updates

Jennifer had previously emailed the ODA updates. Jennifer did highlight the TDP program and upcoming new supervisor training.

MNM & Technical Updates

There were no pollution complaints this month; however, there is follow-up going on with one previous known issue. Currently many waterways are being visited, surveyed, and designed. We also had a couple wetland information requests, two drainage site visits, one flooding site visit, two erosion and stormwater site visits, and a pond site review. We concluded the Conservation Tillage Club Meetings this month for the year. Trace gave a report on what he learned at the Conservation Tillage Conference that he attended the week previous at Ohio Northern. Training on computer and in the field continues for Trace.

Board Reports

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The financial reports were reviewed. On a motion by Joe Ramsey and seconded by Tim Lyden the financial reports for the month ending February 28, 2022 were unanimously approved.

Jennifer Snipes gave the board an update on sales tax collection and payment, the SuperFleet credit card, and the cash basis reporting to which she has the numbers done and they match. She provided the board with a copy of the cash basis financial statements. Also reviewed were the tree sale and mid contract management plugs.

On a motion by Tim Lyden, seconded by Joe Ramsey and unanimously approved the board voted to allow Steve to purchase a vehicle under \$40,000 from a local dealer. Steve has previously test drove two from Steve Austin and will be contacting Integrity Ford to learn about their selections.

On a motion by Joe Ramsey, seconded by Tim Lyden and unanimously passed the following items were approved for payment...

- Area IV Envirothon Donation \$100.00
- Ohio Envirothon Donation \$150.00
- Trace Smail for parking at State House \$12.00
- Tree Refund \$30.00
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- Carbon Sequestration Cover Crop Grant payments to participants for a total of \$7804.95.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- We have a few upcoming education events.
- Girl Scout Day Camp @ Piatt Castles 03/29/22 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- Envirothon @ Camp Myeerah 04/26/22 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Friends and Family Day at Piatt Castles



As there was no further business, a motion was made by Gloria Carson at 9:20 AM to adjourn. Kelsey Cummins 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

Next Regular Meeting Date: April 20, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

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