

Logan Soil and Water Conservation District

324 Co. Rd. 11 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

July 25, 2022

Present: Gloria Carson, Kelsey Cummins, Joe Ramsey, Frank Phelps, and Tim Lyden, – Supervisors
Steve Searson – District Administrator/Technician
Jennifer Snipes – Administrative Assistant
Allison Fowler – Floodplain Administrator / NM
Lyndon Roof – District Administrator
Kolan Livingston – NRCS Soil Conservationist

Frank Phelps called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

On a motion by Gloria Carson, seconded by Kelsey Cummins, and unanimously carried, the board approved the minutes of the regular June 2022 meeting.

REPORTS:

NRCS Updates

The following NRCS updates were given:

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program):

- Following up with behind schedule contracts.
- Currently 3 applications have been pre-approved
 - 1 application has been obligated
- Payments have been issued for nutrient management and brush management.

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- Received 5 re-enroll applications, will start writing them in October.
- 3 contracts have been obligated for this year

ACEP (Agricultural Conservation Easement Program)

- WRE applications are being ranked for funding.
- Area office is completing site monitoring this year for WRE

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).
- Currently have 15 pending in the office.
- There are approximately 7 determinations/reconsiderations pending in the area office including reconsiderations.

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) –

- All of the 2023 re-enroll sites have been checked. Working to finish up status reviews to take to FSA.
- Starting to get applications for new contracts to complete plans by August.
- Received numerous re-enroll applications and working on completing and mailing plans.
- Working to write waterway plans and get signatures

Schedule Update:

- Leisha has leave scheduled July 25-29 and September 6-9
- Leisha will be acting NRS from August 2-12

ODA Updates

Jocelyn was able to attend the meeting and gave her monthly updates. She gave information about upcoming trainings as well.

MNM & Technical Updates

There were no pollution complaints this month. Waterway design, drawings, and construction have kept us moving this month with over ten being currently under construction. Also, there were pond site visits, map requests, training of new hires, and meetings with other entities to discuss numerous topics.

Allison and Lyndon each gave a brief report of the field visits they have been on and the trainings that they have been doing.

Board Reports

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The financial reports were reviewed. On a motion by Joe Ramsey and seconded by Kelsey Cummins the financial reports for the month ending June 30, 2022 were unanimously approved.

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

- FNB of Omaha – Fuel
- Postmaster – Bulk Mailing Permit
- Postmaster – Newsletter

OLD BUSINESS:

We were made aware that one of the carbon sequestration cover crop checks that was issued has been misplaced. On a motion by Joe Ramsey, seconded by Tim Lyden and passed unanimously we will issue a stop check on it, reissue it, then deduct the stop payment amount from the termination payments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Our annual meeting date is set for Sunday, September 25, 2022 from 1-3 p.m. at Marmon Valley with Farm Bureau. We will be providing a catered meal and putt-putt and pony rides will be available for an additional fee.

We have met with Farm Bureau and others about this years Ag Tour. We will be holding this at the Logan County Fairgrounds on September 22nd and 23rd.

*****EXECUTIVE SESSION*****

On a motion by Kelsey Cummins, seconded by Joe Ramsey and roll call vote of Kelsey Cummins – aye, Joe Ramsey – aye, Gloria Carson – aye, Tim Lyden – aye, and Frank Phelps – aye executive session was entered at 9:20 a.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Executive session was dismissed at 9:26 a.m.

On a motion by Joe Ramsey, seconded by Kelsey Cummins and unanimously approved the board voted to allow Allison Fowler to work 9 days a pay period at 9 hours a day with hours of 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. beginning 07/24/2022 to give her off an extra day a pay period.

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Gloria Carson at 9:28 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: August 17, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

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