

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

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

August 17, 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  
Leisha Billenstein – NRCS District Conservationist  
Jocelyn Henderson – Area IV ODA Program Specialist

Frank Phelps called the meeting to order at 8:33 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 July 2022 meeting.

**REPORTS:**

**NRCS Updates**

The following NRCS updates were given:

**EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program):**

- Following up with behind schedule contracts.
- Currently 4 applications have been pre-approved
  - 2 application has been obligated
  - 1 application has been cancelled

**CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)**

- Received 5 re-enroll applications, will start writing them in October.
- 3 contracts have been obligated for this year
- Will start working to certify practice completion before the end of the Fiscal Year

**ACEP (Agricultural Conservation Easement Program)**

- One site is under construction by the lake
- Area office is completing site monitoring this year for WRE

**FSA ASSISTED FARM BILL PROGRAMS:**

**Food Security Act –Highly Erodible Land & Wetland Compliance**

- 18 HEL Determinations (total for the 2022).
- 18 Wetland Determinations (total for the 2022).
- Currently have 18 pending in the office.
- There are approximately 6 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 September 6-9

**ODA Updates**

Jocelyn was able to attend the meeting and gave her monthly updates. State match was discussed as was the current status of the ILWP.

**MNM & Technical Updates**

There were no pollution complaints this month. Waterway design, drawings, and construction are still consuming much of our time. This month we had a couple of continuing education events with the Manure Science Review and a Nutrient Management Workshop as well as meeting with the past Floodplain Administrator as we prepare to take those responsibilities on. There were a few site reviews for different community needs as well. Training continues with Allison and Lyndon.

Allison updated the board on her progress with the Floodplain Administrator training and gave her feedback on the field visits she has been doing.

**Board Reports**

Tim Lyden informed the board he will be having a Cover Crop Field Day again this year on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m.

Tim Lyden and Steve Searson will meet later today with Howard Weinerman on the status of the Carbon Sequestration Cover Crop Grant.

**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 July 31, 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
- Alpha Nurseries – Tree Deposit
- Pheasants Forever - Seed

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Jennifer gave an update on the annual meeting which will take place at Marmon Valley Farms on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m. The computer logins for the new employees were discussed again and Joe Ramsey will make some inquiries as to how we can get this process moving a little quicker.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The school day for the previous bi-annual Ag Tour will happen this year, but will be split into two days. It will be held at the Logan County Fairgrounds and will be attended by Logan County 2<sup>nd</sup> graders on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and by Logan County 5<sup>th</sup> graders on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

On a motion by Joe Ramsey, seconded by Tim Lyden and unanimously approved the board moved to salvage out of date equipment that has been sitting around the office. Inventory Retirement Forms were completed for a laminator, calculator, a couple monitors, and chairs that were no longer usable.



As there was no further business, a motion was made by Kelsey Cummins at 9:11 AM to adjourn. Joe Ramsey seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried by the board and meeting adjourned.

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Frank Phelps, Chairman

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Tim Lyden, Secretary

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Jennifer Snipes, Recording Secretary

cc: Logan SWCD Supervisors, Jocelyn Henderson, Logan County Commissioners  
**Next Regular Meeting Date: September 21, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.**