

Logan Soil and Water Conservation District

324 Co. Rd. 11 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

September 21, 2022

Present: Gloria Carson, Kelsey Cummins, Joe Ramsey, 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

Gloria Carson called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

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

REPORTS:

NRCS Updates

The following NRCS updates were given:

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program):

- Following up with behind schedule contracts.
- 3 contracts were obligated for this FY
 - Total of \$400,438
 - 1,010.70 acres enrolled

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- Received 5 re-enroll applications, will start writing them in October.
- 9 contracts have been obligated for this FY
 - Total of \$569,931
 - 11,521 acres enrolled
- Finishing up practice certification before the end of the FY
- Payment for FY23 will start in October

ACEP (Agricultural Conservation Easement Program)

- No new sites enrolled this year, but lots of construction has been completed on previous contracts.

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 5 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.
- Total plans written for FY23.
 - Re-enroll plans – 35
 - New wildlife plans – 26
 - New waterway plans – 12
 - Approximately 30 waterways already on the books for next year

Schedule Update:

- Leisha has training scheduled for September 27, October 18, and October 19

ODA Updates

Jocelyn was able to attend the meeting and gave her monthly updates. Much discussion was had about salaries and the cost of living expenses now. Also, Jocelyn gave updates on upcoming trainings.

MNM & Technical Updates

There were no pollution complaints this month. Waterway design, drawings, and construction were still the majority of the workload this month as we finish up as much as possible heading into fall. We are starting to hear from more homeowners about site visits prior to building. We also had a pond visit and a few meetings for EMA and the newly acquired floodplain workload.

Board Reports

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 August 31, 2022 were unanimously approved.

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

FNB of Omaha – Fuel

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Farm Bureau – split of annual meeting

A review of the 2023 budget for submission to the commissioners was done. Jennifer pointed out that she did increase the other expenses due to inflation.

An updated Carbon Sequestration/Cover Crop grant funds was provided for review.

After review by the staff and board a motion was made by Kelsey Cummins, seconded by Joe Ramsey and unanimously approved to return Allison Fowler's hours to eight hours a day, five days a week to meet the criteria of the fair labor laws.

A motion was made by Tim Lyden, seconded by Joe Ramsey and unanimously approved to apply for the Farm Bureau grant to purchase the parts to build or purchase an augmented sand table. This will be dependent on how this needs to be purchased. Jennifer will contact Darke County for advice.

Jennifer let the board know that she received a letter about sales tax and was able to pay the bi-annual payment and now has the ability to tele file.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jennifer gave an update on the annual meeting which will take place at Marmon Valley Farms on Sunday, September 25th from 1-3 p.m. With the low number of RSVP's it was discussed that we may want to pursue a different avenue for the election next year.

Allison and Lyndon are now on the federal system. Allison is in Beehive and all her hours are caught up from employment beginning. Lyndon's will be submitted for review after entering at the next board meeting.

Tim Lyden's field day for cover crops was a great success. He had around 32 attendees with a lot of information provided and many questions asked. He hopes to do a winter meeting on microorganisms.

ILDC luncheon was on Friday, September 16th. Jennifer gave an update on what was covered. Jennifer, Lyndon, and Allison attended.

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 2nd graders on Thursday, September 22nd and by Logan County 5th graders on Friday, September 23rd.

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As there was no further business, a motion was made by Joe Ramsey at 10:49 AM to adjourn. Tim Lyden 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: October 19, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

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