

Logan Soil and Water Conservation District

324 Co. Rd. 11 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

October 19, 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
Kolan Livingston – NRCS Soil Conservationist

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

On a motion by Gloria Carson, seconded by Tim Lyden, and unanimously carried, the board approved the minutes of the regular September 2022 meeting.

REPORTS:

NRCS Updates

The following NRCS updates were given:

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program):

- Following up with behind schedule contracts.
- Application deadline for 2023 sign-up is November 14
- Payments have been made for grazing management, waste storage facility, roofed dry stack, fence and access road

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- Five re-enroll applications that have to be obligated by the end of the calendar year
- Payment for FY23 have started

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

- 27 HEL Determinations (total for the 2022).
- 27 Wetland Determinations (total for the 2022).
- Currently have 10 pending in the office.
- There are approximately 4 determinations/reconsiderations pending in the area office including reconsiderations.

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) –

- Working on signing off on practice installations
- Waiting on the 2024 re-enroll field visit maps to be sent over by FSA.
- Scioto CREP agreement has been re-signed. Training has been scheduled.

Schedule Update:

- Leisha has training scheduled for October 18th, 19th, and 24th. Trying to get CNMP certified.
- Leisha and Kolan have an area meeting on October 26.
- Leisha has leave scheduled for October 27-28 and November 3-4.
- Leisha is assisting with the Auglaize County QAR, November 8-10

ODA Updates

Jocelyn was unable to attend; however, Jennifer had previously sent the ODA monthly updates. The reminder was given about the winter meeting.

MNM & Technical Updates

There was one pollution complaint that Jocelyn Henderson investigated that was unfounded and just odor. Our days are still filled with waterways and construction checks. There were a few full day trainings as well as the livestock letter was prepared to be mailed. We are receiving quite a few map requests for different needs and the floodplain requests are more than anticipated. We had 20 this month along with more trainings and inquiries to make determinations.

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 September 30, 2022 were unanimously approved.

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

- FNB of Omaha – Fuel
- FNB of Omaha – Walmart & Lee’s Chicken for Annual Meeting
- Farm Bureau – split of annual meeting
- Shelby SWCD – Area 4 Technician Tour \$30
- NACD – Annual Membership Donation \$325
- Pheasant’s Forever Seed (Shultz, Swonguer, Shafter) \$9,162.90

An updated Carbon Sequestration/Cover Crop grant funds was provided, and Jennifer let the board know that an invoice was mailed for the 2nd year allowance.

After review by the staff and board a motion was made by Tim Lyden, seconded by Joe Ramsey and approved to pay Lyndon Roof for four hours of holiday for Thanksgiving Day as he would normally work half a day on Thursday.

Jennifer let the board know she did apply for the Farm Bureau grant to purchase the components of an Augmented Reality Sand Table and construct it. We will have to run it through the federation if we are awarded the grant as we are not classified as a 501c3. Jennifer did contact Janelle at ODA and has to have a further conversation with her regarding the regulations with this.

The board was informed that Steve is donating some sick leave to a county employee in need. A board signature was needed to process. Per email to county auditor, the funds for the donation come out of the receiving person’s department funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lyndon is now also in the Beehive system correctly. All his time is currently up to date and all timesheets were presented for review and signatures. We are now all caught up with all employees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jennifer informed the board about the availability and ideas with possibly holding the election at the Logan County Fair next year as well as having a tent for the full week. We will think about this and discuss it further at future meetings.



As there was no further business, a motion was made by Tim Lyden at 9:22 AM to adjourn. Joe Ramsey 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: November 16, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.