

Logan Soil and Water Conservation District

324 Co. Rd. 11 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

November 16, 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 Soil Conservationist
Dave Strayer – Supervisor Elect

Frank Phelps called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

On a motion by Tim Lyden, seconded by Joe Ramsey, and unanimously carried, the board approved the minutes of the regular October 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 brush management

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- Three re-enroll applications that have to be obligated by the end of the calendar year
- Payment for FY23 have started
 - Fighting software issues

ACEP (Agricultural Conservation Easement Program)

- Application deadline is February 17, 2023

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 7 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. Initial training was held yesterday, and additional meeting will be scheduled in January.

Schedule Update:

- Leisha needs to write 2 CNMP's
- Program roll-out training has been scheduled for November 29th

ODA Updates

Jocelyn was unable to attend; however, Jennifer had previously sent the ODA monthly updates, they were also provided with the agenda packet and reviewed at the meeting.

MNM & Technical Updates

There were no pollution complaints. This month was busy with a few waterway checks and starting on surveying for next years waterways. Steve attended a DA meeting and a few other meetings were held. Allison was busy with 14 flood plain inquiries and trying to resolve an ongoing issue.

Board Reports

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The financial reports were reviewed. On a motion by Gloria Carson and seconded by Kelsey Cummins the financial reports for the month ending October 31, 2022 were unanimously approved.

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

- FNB of Omaha – Fuel
- FNB of Omaha – 200 Postage Stamps (Winter Manure Mailing)
 - Walmart (Educational Supplies for Enviroscape Demonstration
- ILDC Membership \$15
- Pheasant’s Forever Seed (Bambauer) \$98.10

On a motion by Kelsey Cummins, seconded by Tim Lyden and unanimously passed the board approved for Jennifer to move some of the special funds amongst the line items to pay the remainder of this years bills due to the increase in utilities, etc. coming out of other expenses.

The second-year funds were received for the Carbon Sequestration Cover Crop Grant so those may now be paid to the farmers who participated that provide their bills.

The Logan SWCD did receive notification that we are a finalist for the Logan County Agriculture Impact Fund Grant. Jennifer submitted a detailed budget and information on how we would proceed if the grant was not fully funded.

Jennifer discussed with the board about not renewing the SAM Registration as it now asks for more personal information. It was agreed that we can reapply if this is needed in the future but is not needed renewed at this time.

On a motion by Tim Lyden, seconded by Joe Ramsey and unanimously passed the board approved to pay for the Area IV Winter Meeting Tickets for all that want to attend. This will take place on Tuesday, December 6th from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Der Dutchman in Plain City. Jennifer took note of who all wanted to attend and will order tickets.

Joe Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Gloria Carson and unanimously carried to purchase a cover crop sweatshirt for public education purposes for any staff or board that would like one. Jennifer will get them ordered for pick-up at the Area IV Winter Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

The ILWP Joint Board has dissolved. The ILWP Joint Board gave authority to the Logan SWCD Board to proceed with paying out remaining monies in the special funds to ILWP once all funds are settled after workers compensation is paid for the year.

Allison and Steve discussed the CTC Meetings for the coming year. The dates and topics have been set.



As there was no further business, a motion was made by Kelsey Cummins at 9:00 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: December 21, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.