

Logan Soil and Water Conservation District
324 Co. Rd. 11 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

December 21, 2022

Present: Gloria Carson, Frank Phelps, and Tim Lyden, – Supervisors
Steve Searson – District Administrator/Technician
Jennifer Snipes – Administrative Assistant
Allison Fowler – Floodplain Administrator / NM
Lyndon Roof – District Technician
Jocelyn Henderson – Area IV Program Specialist
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 Gloria Carson, seconded by Tim Lyden, and unanimously carried, the board approved the minutes of the regular November 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 was November 14
 - 13 applications on file

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- Three re-enroll applications have been pre-approved and must be obligated by the end of the calendar year
- Payments for FY22 are almost complete
- Currently there are 3 new CSP applications on file

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 9 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
- 2024 re-enroll field visit maps have been 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 is currently acting DC for Hardin County

ODA Updates

Jocelyn attended and gave updates from the ODA.

MNM & Technical Updates

There were no pollution complaints. This month approximately 8 waterways were surveyed, designed, or as-built reviewed. Many watershed maps were done for different projects. There were a few I&E's done. Sampling was done for the Carbon Sequestration/Cover Crop Grant on the non-farmed areas of fields participating, the results were received and compiled for review. There were a few meetings including a zoning workshop for county officials and the Area IV Winter Meeting. Allison provided her report letting the board know that there were 14 flood plain requests. Lyndon provided an update on his doings as well as his school schedule.

Board Reports

The board was given information on the Ohio Farmland Protection Policy that sponsorship is being requested for. On a motion by Tim Lyden, seconded by Gloria Carson and unanimously passed by the board it was moved to send a letter of sponsorship and support.

Jennifer provided an email to the board that was received from the Power Citing Board regarding a solar farms meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The financial reports were reviewed. On a motion by Gloria Carson and seconded by Tim Lyden the financial reports for the month ending November 30, 2022 were unanimously approved.

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

FNB of Omaha – Fuel

FNB of Omaha – PakMail \$20.46 (Soil Samples CS/CC Grant Postage)

Walmart \$27.42 (Hunter Orange Wear)

Brookside Labs \$594.00 (CS/CC Soil Sample Processing)

OFSWCD \$30.00 (Tim's Winter Meeting Registration)

Bellefontaine Exchange Club – Flag Service \$35

On a motion by Gloria Carson, seconded by Tim Lyden and unanimously passed the board approved to roll over the CD at Union Bank.

The rental agreement for Beelman Management is now complete for 2023 and a motion was made by Tim Lyden, seconded by Gloria Carson and unanimously passed to approve.

OLD BUSINESS:

The board and staff has discussed moving the election/customer appreciation to include the Logan County Fair in July. If this move is made, the nominating committee needs to be in place by the next meeting. Tim Lyden volunteered to be the chair of the nominating committee and others from the community will be asked to have the committee in place prior to the end of the year.

Logan SWCD was awarded the Farm Bureau Agricultural Impact Grant for the Augmented Reality Sand Table and they would like to present us the award. Jennifer will invite Jill to the next meeting to present or the staff can meet with her if this doesn't work.

NEW BUSINESS:

On a motion by Tim Lyden, seconded by Gloria Carson and unanimously passed the board approved the 2023 Board Meeting Dates and Times.

On a motion by Gloria Carson, seconded by Tim Lyden and unanimously passed the board approved the 2023 Annual Plan of Work.

On a motion by Gloria Carson, seconded by Tim Lyden and unanimously passed the board approved the 2022 year ending inventory.

Jennifer gave all the board members a copy of the current personnel policy with changes that need made highlighted for input prior to the next board meeting when we will review and approve.

The board received information on a Woodland Forestry Day in conjunction with The Logan County Land Trust.

Logan SWCD will be helping the OACI project to do a farmer survey on 33-41 fields. The basics were given to the board on what all this will entail.

The OFSWCD winter meeting was discussed. An agenda will be forwarded once received.

****EXECUTIVE SESSION*** On a roll call vote – Tim Lyden, aye; Gloria Carson, aye; Frank Phelps, aye the board went into executive session at 9:20 a.m. to discuss personnel. Steve and Jennifer were asked to stay. Executive Session was dismissed at 9:30 a.m. on a motion by Tim Lyden, seconded by Gloria Carson and unanimously approved.

On a motion by Gloria Carson, seconded by Tim Lyden and unanimously passed the board approved 8 hours of holiday pay for 12/26/22 and 8 hours of holiday pay for 01/02/23 for Lyndon Roof.

On a motion by Gloria Carson, seconded by Tim Lyden and unanimously approved we will change the personnel policy effective immediately to reflect that vacation may be used as it is earned from date of hire.



As there was no further business, a motion was made by Gloria Carson at 9:32 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: January 18, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.