

Logan Soil and Water Conservation District

324 Co. Rd. 11 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

May 18, 2022

Present: Kelsey Cummins, Joe Ramsey, Frank Phelps, and Tim Lyden, – Supervisors
Steve Searson – District Administrator/Technician
Jennifer Snipes – Administrative Assistant
Leisha Billenstein – NRCS District Conservationist

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

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

REPORTS:

NRCS Updates

The following NRCS updates were given:

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program):

- Following up with behind schedule contracts.
- Currently have 3 applications have been pre-approved
 - \$383,301.00 in funding

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- Received 5 re-enroll applications
- Currently have 3 applications pre-approved
 - \$172,480 in funding over the 5 years

ACEP (Agricultural Conservation Easement Program)

- WRE applications are being ranked for funding.
- Farmland preservation applications are being ranked for funding
 - Entered soils information for 3 LAEPP applications
- Area office is completing site monitoring this year for WRE

FSA ASSISTED FARM BILL PROGRAMS:

Food Security Act –Highly Erodible Land & Wetland Compliance

- 17 HEL Determinations (total for the 2022).
- 17 Wetland Determinations (total for the 2022).
- Currently have 10 pending in the office.
- There are approximately 6 determinations/reconsiderations pending in the area office including reconsiderations.

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) –

- Maps for 2023 re-enrolls have been sent over from FSA.
 - Nate Collins, CET is working on the waterway check
 - Ashley Dawson, PF Biologist, has 2 more sites to visit
- Starting to get applications for new contracts to complete plans by August.
- Received numerous re-enroll applications and working on completing and mailing plans.
- One general CRP application was approved. Plan has to be completed by July.

Schedule Update:

- Leisha has leave scheduled for May 26-27 and July 27-29

ODA Updates

Jennifer had previously sent out Jocelyn’s notes and included them in the agenda packet. Also included was the ODA Agriculture Pollution Report for the 3rd quarter.

MNM & Technical Updates

There were no pollution complaints this month. Steve has been busy with designing and checking waterways. We also have had many activities going on this last month that have kept us out in the field quite a bit.

Board Reports

None

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 April 30, 2022 were unanimously approved.

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

- ILDC Membership \$15.00
- TL Graphics \$188.00
- FNB of Omaha @ \$652.31
- FNB of Omaha – Fuel @ \$188.89
- Miami SWCD \$52.51

The board was given an update by the board about the vacation payout for Trace Smail. Jennifer had Joe Ramsey sign a timesheet showing the current amount of vacation hours so that at the next pay it can be submitted for payout.

Our AUP Audit for 2020/2021 was completed by Micah Harris at Charles E. Harris & Associates yesterday on May 16th. She came in and verified all our information and will provide a report with the findings. Jennifer will provide that to the board when it is received.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jennifer gave updates about the Envirothon, 3rd/4th grade Ag Day at ILES, and plugs being delivered. Also discussed was the vehicle search. The deadline for the resume submittal was May 15th. We received three resumes and Jennifer will set up times to interview all three candidates.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request was received for the Logan SWCD office to consider being the Flood Plain Administrator for Logan County. It was discussed at length and the duties will be further investigated before a decision is made.

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Joe Ramsey at 9:30 AM to adjourn. Kelsey Cummins 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: June 15, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.