

Logan Soil and Water Conservation District

324 Co. Rd. 11 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

August 21, 2019

Present: Tim Lyden, Frank Phelps, Joe Ramsey, David Knight, and Eric Johnson – Supervisors
Steve Searson – District Administrator/District Technician
Jennifer Snipes – Administrative Assistant
Leisha Billenstein – NRCS District Conservationist
Jocelyn Henderson – Area IV Program Specialist, ODA

Tim Lyden called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

REPORTS:

NRCS Updates

The following NRCS updates were given:

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program):

- Working on getting engineering practices designed and construction checked.
 - Construction on a waste storage facility, pasture practices, and animal mortality composter should be completed soon.
- Sign up for 2019
 - 1 Pre-Approved and ready for signature: \$103,409
 - 5 Obligated: \$54,892
 - 2 application request cancellation
- Ohio Disaster Recover Funding opened on July 1. A total of 4 million is available for funding cover crops on unplanted acres.
 - Payment rate is \$30/acre with a \$15,000 per contract limit
 - We received a total of 34 applications
 - A total of 7 applications have been obligated
 - 4 additional applications have been pre-approved and are ready to be finished
 - 3 more were pre-approved but applicant decided to cancel
 - The total obligation amount will be \$84,639

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- Currently have 2 eligible applications on file and pre-approved

FSA ASSISTED FARM BILL PROGRAMS:

Food Security Act –Highly Erodible Land & Wetland Compliance

- 21 HEL Determinations (total for the year).
- 21 Wetland Determinations (total for the year).
- There are 4 reconsideration determinations pending. All determinations with the area office are complete.
- 24 Determinations pending in the office

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) –

- Continuous CRP sign-up started June 3rd
 - FSA is accepting applications for waterways, filter strips, and wetlands.
 - September 13th is the deadline to complete engineering plans.
 - 21 new waterway applications, 4 new filter strip applications
- FSA is also accepting re-enroll applications for CRP
 - All re-enroll field visits have been completed
 - 10 filter strip re-enroll and 19 waterway re-enroll applications, 11 applicants have responded that they plan to re-enroll

Schedule Update:

- LaRae is currently acting DC for Madison & Clark counties

- Leisha will be on leave the week of Labor Day for the county fair. LaRae will be acting. Leisha will make sure someone is available to assist with waterways during that week.
- New PF biologist Mark Wallen has started.

ODA Updates

Jocelyn’s notes had been previously emailed. Jocelyn gave updates on current programs and passed around the breakdown for state match funds.

MNM & Technical Updates

Steve Searson reported that he had no manure complaints. He has been working mostly on waterways. He is still working on some surveying he has requests for and is starting to lay them out. Steve has also been working on the soil judging to be held at Knief’s on September 26th.

REPORTS:

The financial report was reviewed as emailed.
 Frank Phelps made a motion to approve the financial statement. Eric Johnson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jennifer gave an update on old business for the following...

- Jennifer is making a trifold on Wetlands for Indian Lake Elementary School and will go present that on September 4th.
- The district soil judging is coming up on 09/26/19. The site has been chosen and a judge has been determined. Final details will be completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jennifer discussed the budget request that was received earlier than expected this year. She had printed a rough draft and it was discussed in detail. The board made a couple small changes and then the revised budget was approved for submission. Joe Ramsey made a motion to approve, Frank Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jennifer also noted that she forwarded the request to Abbi at ILWP via email and let her know the September 9th deadline and the carryover in appropriations that needs to be resolved with the next budget request.

An update was given on the annual banquet and election. Motion was made by Eric Johnson to comp 2 tickets each to our Cooperator of the Year and to the Area IV Farm Family of the Year. Joe Ramsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The plans for the DIY Tour/School Day are progressing. Logan SWCD applied for a grant to get a soils trailer for use during the tour/school day. This grant was not funded; however, this is still something we want to offer as a station. Frank Phelps moved to pay for the trailer out of educational grants. Eric Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.



As there was no further business, a motion was made by Frank Phelps at 9:45 AM to adjourn. David Knight seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.

 Tim Lyden, Chairman

 Frank Phelps, Secretary

 Jennifer Snipes, Recording Secretary

cc: Logan SWCD Supervisors, Jocelyn Henderson, Logan County Commissioners, Bill Conklin

Next Regular Meeting Date: September 18, 2019 at 8:30 AM.