

The Richland Soil & Water Conservation District held their **Regular September Board Meeting** on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. located at 1495 West Longview Ave. Mansfield, Ohio.

Jerry Schumacher called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following in attendance, Charles Winger, Wayne Weirick, Jason Ruhl, John Hildreth, Bonnie Thomas, and guests Natalie Johnson & Bob Gable of ODNR Scenic River Services. Roger Cook & Bob Winbigler were absent.

**Secretaries Report** – Weirick motioned to rescind the 1<sup>st</sup> part of July’s motion directing District Administrator to have paid excused absence reviewed by prosecuting attorney. The remainder of Wingers motion stays unaltered. Winger seconded the motion. Winger aye; Weirick aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 3-0.

Winger moved to approve July’s Regular minutes, July’s Special minutes and the 2008 September Annual Meeting Minutes. Weirick seconded the motion. Winger aye; Weirick aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 3-0.

**Financials** – Winger moved to purchase the 2008 AutoCAD subscription renewal at \$1,388.30 and the HP Plotter warranty at \$509.00. Weirick seconded the motion. Winger aye; Weirick aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 3-0.

Weirick motioned to accept August District Fund of 1 transaction totaling \$12.74 (check # 4292), August Special Fund of 19 transactions totaling \$16,674.28, Septembers District Fund of 10 transactions totaling \$9,764.40 (check #4293- #4302), Septembers Special Fund of 24 transactions totaling \$16,416.60 and to accept CPA’s July & August reports as printed. Winger seconded the motion. Winger aye; Weirick aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 3-0.

**Pre Approved Registration-** Winger moved to make record that Weirick gave his verbal approval in August to register Jim Cowl for a Water Resource Management workshop costing \$895. Weirick second the motion. Winger aye; Weirick aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 3-0.

**Ohio Scenic Rivers Action Plan-** Natalie Johnson & Bob Gable of ODNR Ohio Scenic River Services requested the Boards support and assistance by having a Board Member represent the District on a steering committee and by providing data and district man hours to help assist with a watershed plan for the entire Mohican Watershed. Natalie will be communicating directly with District Administrator during this study.

#### **Old Business-**

**2008 Ohio Conservation Farm Family Award Luncheon-** Jerry will try to represent the district if his schedule allows.

**Carbon Workshop-** The district will be hosting a Carbon Sequestration Workshop at Troyer’s Dutch Heritage on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 10 AM. Following a lunch buffet participants will go to the property of Bob Winbigler. The Richland County Farm Bureau has agreed to sponsor part of the lunch. Weirick motioned to set the ticket cost for the workshop at \$5.00 per ticket and the district will pay the difference between income from Farm Bureau and tickets. Winger seconded the motion. Winger aye; Weirick aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 3-0.

**Lexington MOU-** Weirick moved to accept the Lexington MOU as presented. Winger seconded the motion. Winger aye; Weirick aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 3-0.

**Financial Planning Meeting-** the Board decided to have an extended November Board Meeting to include the financial planning session.

### **New Business-**

**2009 Annual Meeting Location-** Weirick motioned to hold the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Annual Meeting and Banquet at Troyer's Dutch Heritage in Bellville. Winger seconded the motion. Winger aye; Weirick aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 3-0.

**Bierly Backhoe Fee-** Winger moved to reimburse Bill Bierly \$375.00 for the backhoe charges he incurred while the district assisted him in trying to locate a possible tile problem. Weirick seconded the motion. Winger aye; Weirick aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 3-0.

**Wayne Hunter Farm Preservation-** Hildreth reported the district was asked by ODA to manage the estate. Winger motioned to table till full Board is present. Weirick seconded the motion. Winger aye; Weirick aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 3-0.

### **Agreements-**

No conservation agreements

### **Reports**

**NRCS-** Jason Ruhl reported to the Board Federal agencies can not disclose name, acres and dollar amount of conservation contracts due to the privacy act. The number of contracts, number accepted and total dollars can be reported. Jason reviewed the written report he provided to the Board. Jason discussed the local work group committee which helps steer the direction of NRCS programs. Committee will meet for 1-2 hours several times a year to determine local resource concerns. He would like other people on the committee other than local staff and to hold the first meeting sometime in October. Jason reported he needs a volunteer or the Board can appoint someone. Currently NRCS is buckling down on stagnant EQIP contracts and modifications. NRCS will be terminating contracts if no action taken. Any fees due back are subject to each individual contract.

**Flooding Update-**Hildreth reported 5 years ago 225 log jams were reported in the Black Fork, Rocky Fork and Clear Fork Watersheds. The ice storm four years ago added to them. Landowners think clearing of these log jams is the duty of the government. Two communities are vulnerable toward flooding, Bellville and Shelby. More flashes of tributaries doing damage. Attempts have been made before, levy etc. Hildreth explained how Bryan Ohio in Williams County purchased land in the industrial park and installed large basin to handle flood water. Hildreth reported the Richland County Commissioners would like the district to come up with a master plan to manage flood water.

**Village of Bellville Nut Planting-** Hildreth reported he presented a proposal to the Village Council on planting trees on 17 acres which is a property with well heads. Hildreth suggested using the districts nut planter to seed the field. The district will assist the village.

**Report Hildreth-** reported on the archived photos. The slides will cost around \$1,000 to scan. Currently scanning in house using Lori. Found a website that will host photo album and includes blog at no charge. State nursery in Marietta closed. There was a previous Taylor Rd concern involving farmer with exotic animals. The concern turned into a complaint about manure issues. The same group came back in August with animal concerns then talked about septic systems; it was turned over the Health Department. The blimp is patched and ready for land judging contest.

9:55 pm- Natalie Johnson and Bob Gable left the meeting.

Weirick motioned to enter into executive session for personnel review and requested John Hildreth in attendance. Winger seconded the motion. Winger aye; Weirick aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 3-0.

Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 10:15.

Winger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 p.m. Weirick seconded the motion. Winger aye; Weirick aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 3-0.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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