

JEFFERSON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
587 Bantam Ridge Road, STE A, Wintersville, OH 43953
MINUTES
Special Board Meeting
Monday, June 23, 2014
8:00 AM

A Special Board Meeting of the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, June 23, 2014 at the District Office. The Special Meeting was called to review and discuss the proposed changes to the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission (OSWCC) SWCD Match Dollar Funding Policy. The 11-member OSWCC Match Task Force has gathered information for over 6 months to review previous match policies and to review many different scenarios. Because of the time period limitations for comments, the JSWCD met in special session to be able to submit their comments prior to the deadline.

Stephanie Vance, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. In attendance were: Mark Nelson, Board Secretary; Dick Franckhauser, Treasurer; and Ken Perkins, Public Relations Chair. Board Chair Jodee Verhovec was unable to attend. Also in attendance were staff members Wendee Zadanski, Brandon Andresen, Mike Sisson, and Irene Moore.

The Survey consisted of the following categories of discussion: Matchability; Accountability; Distribution Equity, and Fiscal Status.

The board members requested additional explanation and clarification of the capital improvement appropriations and posed whether the districts would have knowledge of approved match far in advance of preparing annual budgets. Also requested was clarification of another local unit of government under the limitations and exceptions: *The OSWCC may choose to limit the match percentage of funds dedicated to those programs where the legal authorities of implementing those programs fall under another local unit of government.*

The board discussed the sustainability of the match policy beyond 2018. In the event of economic/political changes will future funds be available? An initiative to seek dedicated funding is highly encouraged.

The Jefferson SWCD board recognizes the accountability requirements but because the criteria ties mostly to the SWIMS program they realize that technical

issues with the program have limitations and that some small districts may not have the staff to fully utilize the capabilities of the program.

There being no additional comments regarding the survey, the board directed staff to submit the completed survey to the OSWCC Task Force facilitator. Stephanie entertained a motion to adjourn. **Dick made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 AM. Mark seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Stephanie Vance, Vice Chair

Mark Nelson, Board Sec.

Irene Moore, Dist. Adm.
Minutes Preparer