

August 25, 2017

Supervisors Present: Kyler Laird, Lana Zimmer, and Mark Jordan

Supervisors Absent: Mark Kingma and Derek Luchik

Staff Present: Dan Perkins and Leslie Davisson

Associates Present:

Partners Present: Jared O'Brien, Geneva Tyler of ISDA and Kevin Shide, NRCS

Citizens Present:

I. Call to Order

Chairman Kyler Laird called the meeting to order at 8:05am CST.

II. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the July meeting were presented for approval. Lana motioned to approve and Mark J seconded. Minutes approved.

III. Treasurer's Report, Claims (on back)

The treasurer's report and claims in the amount of \$3,713.93 for July were presented for approval. Mark J motioned to approve the July report and claims. Lana seconded. Report will be filed for audit.

IV. Correspondence

Jay has expressed his thanks via Carolyn for the iPad and case that we provided to him as compensation for all the work he did on the kitchen at the Education Center.

V. Old Business

After reviewing Dan's rough draft of his travel log that is being used to assess how much of the time Dan is conducting district business while on his way to and from the office, the board wants Dan to indicate when mileage is being counted for district reimbursement. Dan currently does not bill for mileage when he is going to and from home, even when on the phone for district business.

319 update on the KK and current application was presented for review. Discussion about the Iroquois application, to apply or not apply, based on time constraints. Board decided that they still want to apply. Lana will help get it done.

Roller crimper- Dan presented a template that we created for the interseeder as a start for the crimper use policy. Do we allow outside counties to use the crimper? Tires and bearings were not designed to travel long distances or at higher speeds. Larger amounts of acreage and whether corporate or private might lead to different rates. Mark J will be board member lead in between meetings to coordinate the policy effort.

Supervisor Summit update-Lana & Kyler attended. Continued to glean info on how to run more effective meetings. Good presenter from IN Not for Profits.

Family Fishing and Float Days-Lana is available to help get floaters launched. She is not available to lead a session at the Fishing day. She provided a suggestion, and Leslie will follow up.

Fall Field Day-We are working with CCSI to secure a video/photographer and interviewer to capture the field day; root beer float social after the meal; sponsorship dollars are looking good. We do want to incorporate new things this year such as lanyards

Education Center kitchen sink: Mark J said he will snake the sink and talk to Lou if that doesn't work.

VI. New Business

Board would like to know how much time is spent on various tasks, such as meeting coordination and events as we review our POW. The question to ask is, "Are we spending too much time on things that are not accomplishing the POW?". Table until we have more members present. Two initial suggestions were a real-time app or tracking time spent to know how long things take, such as manually on our calendars.

Separate Strategic Planning meeting? The board may hold an executive session to decide where they want us to spend more/less of our time. The agenda will continue to evolve to incorporate the POW more. Leslie will ask LaPorte County about their system, as Lana thought they did something similar.

Leslie requested permission for Dan and herself to attend the IDEA conference, and spend one night at the hotel. Lana motioned to allow and Mark J seconded.

Save the date for the Annual Conference which is scheduled for Jan 7-9 in Indianapolis.

Job descriptions were given to the board for review. How do we want to do employee evaluations? Mark J and Lana will work together on the evaluations and APOW. By Nov 1st, employees are to turn in a self-evaluation to the board.

Thursday, September 21st is the next meeting date. Please note the change in day from Friday to Thursday.

Mark J found out that there is no leader for the 4H Soil & Water Science projects. Mark forwarded a description of the requirements to be a leader. We will look into finding someone to fill this position. Dan P may be interested in being the person to coordinate the group leaders to inform them of Soil and Water Science projects. There is a measurable goal by the increase in number of Soil & Water science projects submitted to the fair.

VII. Agency Reports

7.1 NRCS

Local Resource Workgroup meeting next month, September 21st.

CRP Re-enrolls are occurring. Applications are being taken, but on a waiting list.

Leslie has been doing a bit of work for Kevin under the contract and will attend PSS training on Monday.

7.2 ISDA

Geneva:

SBOA training for treasurers is coming up soon.

They are still working on revamping the Leadership Institute. Surveys revealed that topics are still relevant, so they are working on location change; possibly a North and South session for each cornerstone.

Jared has been helping us with mapping Carpenter Creek and with maps for the 319 areas.

He has also returned support letters for both 319 applications from himself and ISDA.

Jared has access to a tool that can show where conservation practices are. There are hiccups, but will get better. ACPF (Agriculture Conservation Planning Framework) tool. There was a 3 day training that was very helpful.

7.3 Office

Jody Wilson was recently named as the CED for the Jasper/Newton FSA office. Congrats to Jody.

Lana motions to adjourn the meeting and Mark J seconded.

Chairman Kyler Laird adjourned the meeting at 10:10am CST

Minutes approved

Respectfully submitted _____ Leslie Davisson