

July 28, 2017

Supervisors Present: Kyler Laird, Mark Kingma, Mark Jordan, Lana Zimmer, and Derek Luchik

Supervisors Absent:

Staff Present: Dan Perkins, Carolyn Ahler, and Leslie Davisson

Associates Present:

Partners Present: Kevin Shide

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 June meeting were presented for review and approval. Mark K indicated a needed correction. Mark K then motioned to approve the minutes with the correction. Lana seconded. Motion carried.

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

The June treasurer's report and claims in the amount of \$11,929.88 were presented for approval. Lana and Mark J motioned to approve the report and claims. Motion approved. Report will be filed for audit.

IV. Correspondence

RC&D Annual Meeting dinner and float on August 16th. Let Leslie know if you want to attend.

V. Old Business

1. Vehicle policy

Dan will continue to log

2. Budget recap

Leslie presented a letter to send to the council officials ahead of our scheduled budget hearing. A few changes were suggested. Our hearing is August 15th at 8:35am CST. Send reminder email to board.

3. 319 Recap

A lot of discussion on the KK goals and realistic criteria based on how highly modified this watershed is. Lana will advise and assist with the writing. Meeting scheduled for August 4th. Some meetings with stakeholders will occur this month.

4. Crimper

The crimper is covered for liability as long as the vehicle hauling the crimper or the building housing the crimper has coverage. If we want to purchase damage insurance, it will cost approximately \$100/yr per Consolidated Insurance of Rensselaer. No decision was made at this time.

Tire problems have already occurred and are likely to occur regularly so we need to address that. Have backup tires available?

A rental policy regarding fees, liability, maintenance, and repair needs to be completed prior to Spring 2018.

5. Fair

Recap and discussion about what to do next year. Who is our audience and what is our purpose? Thoughts of one day and one night program were thrown around in addition to manning the building a couple hours at night.

Encourage use of the building by partner organizations throughout the year and at fair.

Mark J will find out who is the 4H soil and water project leader so we can work with them to encourage more projects.

Derek will help improve the native planting area around the building, and we should plant CCs as well. Small signage to ID the native plants and CC species would be a nice addition.

Leslie suggested removing the fence to ease the grounds maintenance. All were OK with that.

6. Neonicotinoids

Extensive discussion on the use of neonicotinoids and our role. An educational pamphlet regarding Soil & Water's recommendations for neonicotinoid usage, in cooperation with extension, might be a good idea to spread the word on more responsible use of these pesticides. Side note: Beans can be bought untreated, but still have fungicide.

VI. New Business

1. Fishing Day and Fall Float Info

September 9th is the Fishing Day. We are working with Little Cousin Jasper and hope to draw in some of their crowd. Heather Hall has been asked to do a brief educational program at the event, so waiting to hear back. Participants can sign up for licenses at the event and we will have equipment available on a first come, first serve basis. This event is replacing one of our Iroquois float trips.

September 2nd is the scheduled float on the lower Iroquois from Brook, IN to the Newton Co fairgrounds. Carolyn and Leslie checked out a new entry point at Don & Kim DeWees' place. It will make the float a little longer, but getting in will be much easier.

2. Supervisor Summit

Kyler and Lana are interested. Mark K and Derek are maybes. Leslie will follow up with them in the next week.

3. NRPC

The Natural Resources Policy Committee is looking for new members to advise policy decisions for the state. The board approved Leslie's time and mileage to be a part of the committee.

4. Fall Field Day

November 9th is the date. We are actively soliciting sponsors and outreach help from neighboring counties. Lanyards and other plans for the day were discussed. Portable mics are needed for sessions. Local FFA groups should be invited as a field day for them.

5. Education Building

Carolyn gave a recap of the kitchen construction and kitchen drain problem. Mark J will contact Carl Ward who did the initial roughing. Leslie will look for the original roughing bill in 2011.

Jay did a great job on the kitchen. Lana motions to purchase an iPad using Annual CWI funds up to \$400 to thank Jay for his work on the kitchen. Derek L seconded. Motion carried.

Leslie cleaned the bathrooms prior to fair, but they have not been cleaned post fair.

Leslie will confirm the bathroom expectations with the fair board.

6. DNR support for GGS RCPP grant

The board was all in favor of supporting the DNR’s request for support for the RCPP application. Leslie and Dan will complete the requested form on our behalf.

7. RC&D River Raft

Lana might be available to volunteer and the board authorized Leslie to spend 2 days at the event.

6. Next meeting-August 25th.

VII. Agency Reports

7.1 NRCS

Kevin directed the board’s attention to his submitted written report. He also reminded members to sign up for Client Gateway if they haven’t already. Leslie & Kevin are working on getting the PSS agreement going. Leslie will attend a training Aug. 28th that should help. Our local resources workgroup needs to meet before October 31st. Kevin wants to make a few changes this year to help Jasper county applications be more competitive with the rest of the state.

7.2 ISDA

No report.

7.3 Office

No report.

Chairman Kyler Laird adjourned the meeting at 10:45am CST

Minutes approved

Respectfully submitted _____ Leslie Davisson