

August 30, 2018
SWCD Office

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

Supervisors Absent: Lana Zimmer

Staff Present: Dan Perkins and Sheila Schroeder

Associates Present:

Partners Present: Bryan Overstreet

Citizens Present:

I. Call to Order

Chairman Kyler Laird called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. CST.

II. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from July were presented for review. Mark K. motioned to approve the minutes and Derek seconded. Minutes approved.

III. Treasurer's Report, Claims

The treasurer's report and claims in the amount of \$17,042.82 for July were presented for approval. Mark K. motioned to approve the reports and claims and Mark J. seconded. Motion carried. Report will be filed for audit. Kyler suggested utilizing electric heaters at the fair building to save on gas utilities.

IV. Next Meeting Schedule

Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 4:00. Meetings will regularly occur the 4th Thursday at 4:00 p.m. until otherwise noted.

V. Correspondence

RC&D

VI. Healthy Soils

We have a couple of new cover crop users via the LARE grant: David Shide

Mark K. and Dan attended SHP (Soil Health Partners) meeting. Continuous cover crop was the focus.

VII. Water Management

KRBC meeting is September 20th. Dan hopes to attend and tour the Yellow River that day.

VIII. Land Use and Development

No report.

IX. District Development

Long range planning – what do we need to do and how can we check our progress each month? Everyone be thinking about this to discuss at the next meeting.

Staff policies – We had an administrative committee at one point in time that took care of staff issues such as reviews, rental policies, travel policies, etc. Mark J. volunteered to head that committee and will ask Lana if she would like to join him on it.

Mark J. made a motion to send Dan to the National No-Tillage Conference in Indianapolis and Derek seconded. Motion approved.

Nov. 15 region meeting – Sheila will register all to attend.

Outreach – August 2 organic row crop event was well attended and well done. February 21/22 the Mint Growers Association is having their annual meeting at Fair Oaks. Dan has been helping plan that event a bit.

Dan is working on CWI 2019 grant for the skip-row project. Grant is due September 14. Skip every 3rd row. 30” rows. Same population for the whole acre. Evan Stoller south of Kentland is doing the project with Dan. More outside rows to get more sunlight.

X. Agency/Partner Reports

Purdue Extension – The North American Manure Expo 7/31 and 8/1, 2019 at Fair Oaks. 1400 people attended the event in South Dakota this year.

Next week – Crop’s field day at the agronomy farm – distributed flyer

Also hosting the National Ag Association Meeting next September in Ft. Wayne.

NRCS

No report

ISDA

No report

XI. Other Business

Mark K. was at Hendricks County Fairgrounds and noted the raised garden and cover crop plantings that were very eye catching. He suggested something similar for our education building. Maybe we could even have a plot that could be crimped to demonstrate that equipment. Mark J. made a motion that we pursue this project through the Fair Board. SWCD would build the boxes and plant them. The Fair Board would help determine the space to be used. Maybe start with annuals and then move on from there. Derek seconded the motion, and it passed.

Derek made a motion to support applying for the RC&D invasive species grant using annual CWI funds. Mark K. seconded and the motion passed.

Derek made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mark J. Chairman Kyler Laird adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Minutes approved

Respectfully submitted _____ Sheila Schroeder