



March 16, 2021

WebEx Meeting

Supervisors Present: Mark Jordan, Lana Zimmer, Jim Martin, Mark Kingma and Stuart Orr

Staff Present: Derek Carty and Shelby Keys

Partners Present: Bryan Overstreet, Kevin Shide and Ben Eaton

i. Call to Order

Chairperson Mark J. called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm CST.

ii. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting were presented for review. Jim M. motions to approve minutes, Stuart O. seconds and the motion carries.

iii. Treasurer's Report

Claims for the month of February in the amount of \$27,474.49 were presented for review. Jim M. motions to approve, Stuart O. seconds and the motion carries.

iv. Correspondence

- i. REMC Electronic Recycling Day - Stephanie Johnson reached out asking if staff could volunteer at REMC's Electronic Recycling Day on April 17th. She explained that this year the recycler has largely increased their fees, to keep this free to the public she was asking for any monetary donations. Lana Z. motioned to provide a \$200 donation to the Electronic Recycling Day to cover the fees associated with the event.

v. Old Business

Current Grant Updates/Deliverables

- i. 205j – Lower Kankakee Watershed Initiative – Water sampling for 20 original sites is complete as of February. 5 remaining sites left to sample for 6 more months. Have been reimbursed for Invoice 7, Invoice 8 ends March 18, 2021.
- ii. CWI 2019 – Interseeding Project - Mark J. spoke with Interseeder Technologies. Wants an option to renew rental, send back, or extend our annual rental.
- iii. CWI 2020 – Improving Infiltration with Native Plants and Cover Crops - Met with the other counties to discuss event planning on March 2nd. Have a few speakers in mind and are going to reach out. Can't get ahold of participant Zach R. Jake Misch's fields came in well. Kevin looked them over and approved that they established well.
- iv. RC&D Invasive Buy-Back - Derek and Mandi did a landowner survey on March 3rd. Countryside Landscaping has agreed to promote the program. Yard signs for promotion were mentioned by a participant. Staff will start working on a design for them.
- v. Cover Crop Boxes – Two will be cover crops and two will be native plants. Shelby will reach out to Alyssa Nyberg to discuss what plants. Will get in contact with Vickie Bozell to finalize the location of the boxes.

Tree Planter Update – The red tree planter got new tires and maintenance. The green tree planter has also been maintained. Barney J. picked it up on March 12 to do more maintenance and will also be using it.

vi. New Business

- i. NIPSCO Environmental Action Grant - April 2nd is the deadline. Applying for a Free Soil Testing Program. It would allow for 100 tests for Jasper County residents. We would pay for them with the grant, they'd sample themselves, deliver to the SWCD office and the lab gives us the results with recommendations. The District wants to promote soil health and healthier streams.
- ii. 2021 On-farm Precision Nitrogen Management Trial Research Opportunity Purdue - Discussion was had and the protocol document was looked over. Agreed that we would help promote.
- iii. Rain Garden Burn - During the clean-up in September, we had discussed burning the rain garden. Bri Ciara reached out to see if we had discussed it anymore and offered her help. Stuart will look at the rain garden and see what native species are living in there.
- iv. Director Update - Held a CISMA meeting on March 10th, rules for hosting the Weed Wrangle have gotten stricter, going to hold another planning meeting on March 24th at 6:00 to see if our event was approved.
- v. Derek Certified in Burn Training - He would need to take 5 classes, mostly online. The classes are free online.

vii. Partner/Agency Reports

- i. Kevin Shide - NRCS, District Conservationist - Building access has changed. 25% of entire occupancy is allowed.
- ii. Bryan Overstreet – Purdue Extension - 2 PARP meetings last week. Openings in White County for Drone class.

Break was taken at 4:34 pm CST until the Annual Meeting began at 5:00 pm CST

viii. Annual Meeting

- i. Year in Review & Financials - Shelby K. presented the 2020 Annual Report which highlighted the activities of the district and the financials to the 12 people present.
- ii. Election of Supervisors - Two nominees were presented to the public. Mark Kingma was presented to those gathered as nominee for supervisor for election and Jim Martin was up for appointment.
Mark J. opened the floor to any outside nominations. Lana Z. motions to close nomination to the floor. Jim M. second and the motion passes. Mark Jordan read Jim Martin his oath of office. Jim agreed to the oath of office. By a show of hands, Mark Kingma was elected to serve a 3-year term on the SWCD Board. Mark Jordan read Mark Kingma his oath of office. Mark Kingma agreed to the oath of office.
- iii. Election of Officers - Jim M made a motion to keep the current slate of officers. Mark K. seconded. Motion passed leaving Mark Jordan as Chairperson and Lana Zimmer as Vice-Chairperson.

Chairperson Mark J. made a motion to adjourn at 5:31 pm CST.

Minutes approved

Lara Zimmer

Mark Kinan

Jim Martin

Respectfully Submitted: Shelby Keys