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## June 22, 2021

Jasper County Fairgrounds – SWCD Building

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

Partners Present: Ben Eaton

Staff Present: Derek Carty and Shelby Keys

### i. Call to Order

Chairperson Mark J. called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm CST.

### ii. Partner/Agency Reports

- i. Ben Eaton - ISDA Resource Specialist - CWI grant deadline to apply is September 9<sup>th</sup>. Discussed the InField Advantage Program.

### iii. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting were presented for review. Lana Z. motions to approve minutes with amendments, Mark K. seconds and the motion carries.

### iv. Treasurer's Report

Claims for the month of April in the amount of \$16,869.10 and May in the amount of \$2,271.07 were presented for review. Lana Z. motions to approve claims for both months, Stuart O. seconds and the motion carries.

### v. Old Business

#### Current Grant Updates/Deliverables

- i. 205j – Lower Kankakee Watershed Initiative – Water Testing for June completed. Held a booth at Beaver Fest in Morocco on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Staff requested to help with a booth at Earth Night on July 14<sup>th</sup> during the Newton County Fair. Request was approved.
- ii. CWI 2019 – Interseeding Project – Interseeded 1 Field, 2 More anticipated. 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year of project. Using remaining cover crop seed to make seed packet handouts for events.
- iii. CWI 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year cost-share payments have been sent out. Grant audit with Indiana State Department of Agriculture took place on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Ordered seed packets for outreach events.
- iv. RC&D Invasive Buy-Back – No participants yet. Followed-up with landowner survey participants to answer any project questions they may have.
- v. Cover Crop Boxes – All 4 boxes planted. Signage was discussed. Will use root banners this year and look into permanent signage later.
- vi. Soil Testing – NIPSCO – Program has started. Tested the soil in the cover crop boxes and the Purdue Ext. garden plots for a test run. There is a drop box in the office.

### vi. New Business


- i. Purdue Agronomy Course – Derek asked to attend a 12-week course covering Agronomy Essentials, being hosted by Purdue University. Mark K. motions to approve Derek attending the course and the \$2,000 cost associated, Lana Z. seconds and motion carries.

It is the mission of the Jasper County Soil and Water Conservation District to provide leadership and assistance in the proper use and management of soil, water, and related natural resources in Jasper County.

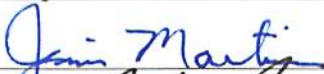
- ii. Drone Equipment – A request was made to replace the drone propellers and buy 2 more batteries, as the current two batteries do not stay charged long enough to fly the drone over project sites. Lana Z. motions to spend \$145 on replacement propellers and new batteries, Stuart O. seconds and the motions passes.
- iii. Fair Week – SWCS building will be open from Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Kids & Conservation on Sunday from 3:00-6:00 pm est. Nature Night on Tuesday, LKWI Night on Wednesday and Conservation Partners Night on Thursday all from 5:00-8:30 pm est. Lana Z. motions to spend \$500 on promotional material and supplies for fair week, Mark K. seconds and the motion passes. Mark K. motions to spend up to \$250 on signage to place around the fairgrounds with our list of events and times, Lana Z. seconds and the motion carries.
- iv. Notice of Intent – LKWI – A notice of intent was sent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management on June 1<sup>st</sup>, stating that we intend to apply for a 319 Implementation Grant. Grant application is due September 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff has been working with Arion Consultants to develop the final application.
- v. Clothing – A clothing allowance of \$100 per staff member was requested to update uniform attire. Mark K. motions to spend \$100 per staff member on a clothing allowance, Stuart O. seconds and the motion carries.
- vi. 2021 CISMA Conference – The conference will take place virtually on August 5<sup>th</sup> with keynote speakers discussing why we manage invasive species. An in-person field day will take place at Pinney Purdue on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Lana Z. made a motion to register all staff members and any board members who would like to attend, Stuart O. seconds and the motions carries.
- vii. Equipment – All four tires on the roller crimper need replaced, along with two hydraulic hoses that are leaking. Estimated cost for everything is \$450. Mark K. made a motion to replace the tires and hoses, Lana Z. seconds and the motion passes. Had a total of 6 farmers use the roller crimper over 655 acres. A rotary ho not owned by the district has been sitting idle in the lot, having not been used for the past two years. Derek will get in touch with the owner to get it back in his possession.
- viii. Director Update – District staff helped with the Weed Wrangle on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Next one planned for Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 pm est at Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area. Shelby graduated the Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Mark K. was interviewed for the final project, the video is on YouTube. The Annual Civil Rights & Equal Opportunity form was presented to the board and signed by the President, Mark J.

**Chairperson Mark J. made a motion to adjourn at 5:34 pm CST.**

Minutes approved

  
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Respectfully Submitted: Shelby Keys