



**November 16, 2021**

Jasper County Fairgrounds – SWCD Building

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

Supervisors Absent: Stuart Orr

Staff Present: Shelby Keys

Partners Present: Kevin Shide, Bryan Overstreet and Kim Peterson

**i. Call to Order**

Vice-Chairperson Lana Z. called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm CST.

**ii. Partner/Agency Reports**

- i. Bryan Overstreet, Purdue Extension – Working with Shelby on the Water Riches program at KV. Private Applicators Recertification Program (PARP) taking place at the Remington Library on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Annie’s Project will be virtual again, it is a six week program for farm women beginning at the end of January. Purdue extension/4-H council Annual Meeting is November 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.
- ii. Kevin Shide, NRCS District Conservationist – Office is at 50% capacity for the entire building. Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) deadline is December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mark Jordan joined the meeting at 3:08 pm CST and the meeting was turned over to him.

- iii. Kim Peterson, Assistant North-Northwest Region Director – Lake County had a successful Urban Farm Tour. North-Northwest region updates are made to the Facebook page.
- iv. Mark Kingma, North-Northwest Region Director – Making progress on the Jasper County FEMA project. The Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts asked Mark to speak at the Statehouse regarding using the Kankakee River Yellow River Basin Development Commission (KRYRBDC) as a model for other river basin development organizations.

**iii. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes from the September meeting were presented for review. Lana Z. motions to approve the minutes, Jim M. seconds and the motion carries.

**iv. Treasurer’s Report**

Claims for the month of September in the amount of \$14,002.16 and the month of October in the amount of \$2,686.30 were presented for review. Mark K. motions to approve claims for both months, Lana Z. seconds and the motion carries.

**v. Old Business**

Current Grant Updates/Deliverables

- i. 205j – Lower Kankakee Watershed Initiative – Received positive comments from Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for the Lower Kankakee Watershed Management Plan (WMP) that needs to be approved first by IDEM then the

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Minimal changes are needed, and Arion Consultants will make the corrections.


- ii. CWI 2019 – Interseeding Project – Final grant report due January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Will work with participants to get crop data. Mark K. will review the final report before it is submitted.
  - iii. CWI 2020 - Improving Infiltration with Native Plants and Cover Crops – All County meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup>. LaPorte will use majority of their money, Newton County left with funds - open to any county now. Both field days have been completed. Must have field day next year with soil pit. Discussion was had on possible locations for the event.
  - iv. RC&D Invasive Buy-Back – Received application, participant removed 6 burning bushes, replaced with Arrowwood Viburnum and Red Chokeberry. Before and after photos, receipts and plant tags were submitted. Receipt total \$347.75, SWCD reimbursed \$173.88.
  - v. Lake and River Enhancements (LARE) 2021 - LARE meeting tomorrow with Kevin, NRCS and Bri, Newton County SWCD to discuss different conservation practices. Flier and postcard have been created for promotion. Postcard will be sent to landowners within the priority watersheds.
- vi. New Business**
- i. County Salary Payments – Received email from Donya Jordan, Jasper County Auditor, for salary payments due to the County for 2020 and 2021. No questions were presented. Shelby will get reimbursement check sent.
  - ii. Deliverables Remaining – The District must host 1 CWI 2020 field day with soil pit next year, submit the final report for CWI 2019 before January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and host 2 more steering committee meetings for LKWI before March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - iii. Annual Meeting – Discussion was had on hosting the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Embers Venue starting at 6:00 pm CST. In the event of snow, it will take place on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Shelby will book the room and caterer, work on sponsorships, and get a speaker lined up.


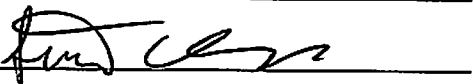
Mark Kingma and Kim Peterson left the meeting at 4:05 pm CST.

- iv. 2022 Workshops – Beekeeping for Beginners workshop on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at DeMotte Public Library at 5:30 pm CST. Partnering with Purdue Extension, Krispn Given and Dale McMahan with Apis Engineering. Tree planting workshop scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Abby Krause, Community and Urban Forestry Outreach Coordinator for IDNR will be presenting. Will be finalizing details with her in the coming months. Met with Heather Bacher, State Coordinator for Women4theLand to discuss hosting a women’s conservation learning circle in Jasper County. Planning to host a learning circle in 2022.
- v. Director Update – Building for storing the equipment is being used. Equipment will stay outside at office over winter. Shelby will help Purdue Extension with Water Riches Program at KV Intermediate School through March. Met with Anna Williams, 4-H Youth Development Educator, to develop a 4-H Nature Detectives club. Working with the Remington Library to get programs there. Met with Lana to rework job description, will present on it next month. Next Board Meeting is December 14<sup>th</sup>, followed by dinner at Fenwick’s.

**Chairperson Mark J. made a motion to adjourn at 4:52 pm CST.**

Minutes approved

  
Jim Martin

Respectfully Submitted: Shelby Keys