



**January 24, 2022**

The Westin - Indianapolis

Supervisors Present: Mark Jordan, Stuart Orr and Mark Kingma

Supervisors Absent: Lana Zimmer and Jim Martin

Staff Present: Shelby Keys

**i. Call to Order**

Chairperson Mark J. called the meeting to order at 4:41 pm CST.

**ii. Correspondence**

- i. Indiana District Employee Association (IDEA) – Membership dues for IDEA are due March 31<sup>st</sup> and are \$25 per member. The association is comprised of Indiana SWCD employees. Mark K. made a motion to renew the 2022 IDEA Membership at a price of \$25, Stuart O. seconds and the motion carries.
- ii. 4-H Booster Club Membership – Received letter asking to renew membership. Stuart O. made a motion to support the Jasper County 4-H Booster Club Membership at a price of \$150, Mark K. seconds and the motion carries.

**iii. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes from the December meeting were presented for review. Mark K. motions to approve the minutes, Stuart O. seconds and the motion carries.

**iv. Treasurer's Report**

Claims for the month of December in the amount of \$2,688.59 were presented for review. Mark K. motions to approve the claims, Stuart O. seconds and the motion carries.

**v. Old Business**

**Current Grant Updates/Deliverables**

- i. 205j – Lower Kankakee Watershed Initiative – Informed via email that the EPA approved the Watershed Management Plan for the Lower Kankakee. Waiting on a formal letter to notify partners and the public. Will request a quote for paper copies to be made and dispersed throughout both counties. The plan will also be available to view on the district's website.
- ii. CWI 2019 – Interseeding Project – The hitch has been dropped off and is currently at our office. The company has been in contact regarding picking up the interseeder. Jason Federer is working out the logistics with the company as it is currently at his farm. Discussion was had with Mark K. regarding his experience using it for the past 3 years.
- iii. CWI 2020 - Improving Infiltration with Native Plants and Cover Crops – Submitted bi-annual grant update on Jan 12th. Bri Styck has possible first-time cover crop participant who falls one mile out of the area of the program. She reached out to ISDA for approval to accept this participant. The board approves allowing Newton County to expand the current grant funding area to accommodate possible participant. Deliverable for the grant

states we will have a soil pit in 2022. Would like to see deep-rooted native plants that have been established for a few years. Working with Stuart O. to see what sites he thinks would be most suitable for this event.

- iv. RC&D Invasive Buy-Back - Remington True Value has participated the program and has submitted the proper documentation. Removed three ornamental pear trees and replaced them with redbud. The total for the project was \$2,072.25. We currently have \$3,672 left for this program. Our buy-back stipulates we will reimburse 50% up to \$300. They are willing to use the program yard signs we had made and allowing us to post their business name and photos on Facebook for promotion. Stuart O. made a motion that we cover the cost of the trees at a price of \$675, Mark K. seconds and the motion carries.
- v. Lake and River Enhancements (LARE) 2021 – Post cards have been sent to farmers in the watershed. Have received 2 phone calls about the program so far.

Capital Asset Threshold Policy – Shelby presented a policy that states all capital assets valued at \$5,000 or greater will be listed on the capital asset spreadsheet. Mark K. motion to adopt the capital asset threshold policy presented, Stuart O. seconds and the motion carries.

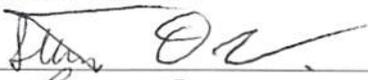
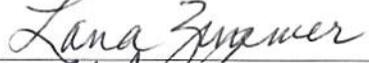
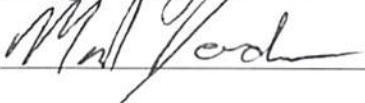
Annual Meeting – Shelby is working on the annual report and will have a draft for supervisors by February 7<sup>th</sup>. Mark K. notified us he will be out of town and cannot attend. Have received \$500 in sponsorship and anticipating more in the coming weeks. Mark K. made a motion to spend up to \$250 on door prizes, Stuart O. seconds and the motion carries. Stuart O. made a motion to spend up to \$50 on an award to recognize the Rensselaer FFA, Mark K. seconds and the motion carries.

**vi. New Business**

- i. Audit Committee – Two supervisors are needed to audit the 2021 financials prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>. Lana volunteered via email. Mark J. will be the second volunteer. Meeting will take place one hour prior to February's board meeting.
- ii. Indiana Envirothon – Shelby proposed covering registration for any Jasper County team that would like to participate. The cost of registration is \$70. Discussion was had on limiting the number of teams we would sponsor, providing it at a first-come, first-served basis. Mark K. made a motion to cover five teams Envirothon registrations, Stuart O. seconds and the motion carries.
- iii. Director Update – Newton County Annual Meeting is February 10th at 6:30 PM CST. Shelby requested to attend using flex time. Pond Management Workshop set for April 13th at the Newton County Government Center. Learn-to-Burn Workshop scheduled for April 2nd from 9 AM CST – 2:00 PM CST. PARP Workshop with Purdue Extension on March 7th @ 1:30 PM CST at Jasper County Fairgrounds. Shelby was asked to serve on the Tree City, USA Advisory Committee by the Mayor of Rensselaer. The position is a one year term. Tax info has been submitted and mailed out.

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

Minutes approved

  
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Respectfully Submitted: Shelby Keys