

April 23, 2019
SWCD Office

Supervisors Present: Mark Jordan, Jim Martin and Lana Zimmer.
Supervisors Absent: Mark Kingma and Derek Luchik
Staff Present: Carolyn Ahler and Sheila Schroeder
Partners Present: Geneva Tyler and Kevin Shide
Citizens Present:

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Mark Jordan called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm CST.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from March were presented for review. Adding an overview of annual meeting – including how many attended and sponsors was discussed. Derek did not second a motion, Lana moved to approve as amended, Jim seconded, motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report, Claims

The treasurer's report and claims in the amount of \$4,214.66 for March were presented for approval. Verizon Wireless bill was discussed. Sheila will make sure Dan gets that bill changed over to his name and make sure the hot spot doesn't need to be returned. Lana motioned to approve the reports and claims and Jim seconded. Motion carried. Reports will be filed for audit.

4. Correspondence

Rock the Arts sponsorship request was discussed. Lana suggested Potawatomi Park is a good place to draw attention to the river and water quality issues; Main Street wants to do a mural in that area; there are community things we can do to bring awareness to the rivers in our county. We need signs for events like this that we sponsor. Jim moved to sponsor Rock the Arts as we did last year (\$75.00) and pursue a sign. Lana second. Motion passed. Signage proposals will be presented at the next meeting.

5. Old Business

5.1 Kankakee – Discussed logo and water testing points at steering committee meeting; also had a water testing spot picking meeting; Lana mentioned adding one site so that we have a site in all of the subwatersheds.

5.2 CWI 2019 – Interseeding; Dan has submitted a proposal to do work on this project; monthly charge of \$800, May 1 – end of October, with opportunity to review at that point. Proposal also included CWI 2017 roller crimper grant work. Discussion was held on Dan's proposal. Lana suggested doing it on a month to month basis and to break the deliverables down in a more month by month basis and connect them to the goals of the grant. Keeping the roller crimper proposal

separate was also discussed. Mark J will make these requests to Dan and ask him to re-submit.

- 5.3 Electronics Recycling Day – Lana and Sheila helped in Rensselaer, Jim and Mark K. helped in DeMotte; Jim suggested taking a sign so that participants know the SWCD is involved.
- 5.4 Open grants – LARE cover crop cost share was discussed; grant ends in September; need to get those funds spent, up to \$9000 of the \$13K could be used for cover crops.
- 5.5 Cover crop boxes/Education building – Jasper Newton Foundation grant was applied for; decision will be made this Thursday night; discussion was held about having a team work session to get something built and in the ground. Kaper's will get the cedar for us; takes a week to get it in; need advice from them on fasteners to use, etc.
- 5.6 Annual Plan of Work – Master Tracker was discussed and how it is updated and changing dates for items that haven't been completed yet. Tree planter/tree sales were discussed as well. Partnership with TNC was discussed or Pheasants Forever or Grasslands for Gamebirds and Songbirds, etc.
- 5.7 Job Search – Jim motioned to use Indeed.com for 2 weeks; Lana seconds, motion passes. Agcareers.com – Kevin suggested we try this. We will ask partners such as Sarah Peel, IDEM, Purdue, Geneva, the Association to recirculate the job posting. Kevin suggested Ball State – their natural resources program; Sheila will check with Ball State and Agcareers, Indiana State, career centers; Sheila will list on Indeed.com too.

6 New Business

- 6.1 Required Annual Civil Rights & Equal Opportunity Discussion – Kevin presented the topic and stressed treating everyone equally; he explained the posters that are on display in the building. Those present signed the Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist.
- 6.2 Required Sexual Harassment Training – Geneva explained how this required training came about. It's a 20 minute video for board members to watch. Video was shown and supervisors answered questions.
- 6.3 319 Call for NOI – Applying for Iroquois Implementation grant was discussed; Lana will look into this further; it's possible to piggy-back some money along with NRCS; back on agenda for May.
- 6.4 Supervisor per diem – Sheila requested supervisors send dates/events to add to their per diem payments at the end of the year. Mark Kingma mileage was approved by Mark J. Sheila will make a google sheet for supervisors to add their events to.
- 6.5 Women 4 the land – This is a conservation minded program; non-operating landowners were targeted in the past when Leslie did a program like this; partner

with extension and hold an event is a good idea to be revisited in the future; a workshop or field day

6.6 Roller crimper maintenance – Kevin noticed all the points that have wear and surface rust; maybe needs to be cleaned up. Once reservations are made for it Mark J. can come in and make sure it’s field ready. We also need to look for a storage space for it.

6.7 Infield Advantage – Discussion was held about the program and whether to participate this year. Mark J. and Lana suggested pausing the program for this year. Lana moves to suspend for the time being, Jim seconds. Motion passes.

7 Agency Reports

7.1 Office – Jim asked how things were going in the office during the job search. Sheila reported that things are going smoothly.

7.2 NRCS – no report.

7.3 ISDA – Tillage transect is mandatory this year. Meg Leader, Infield Advantage specialist, has resigned. They are looking for a program manager.

7.4 Purdue Extension – no report.

8 Other Business

8.1 Annual meeting attendance was discussed and how to increase that in the future.

Chairman Mark J. adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Minutes approved

Respectfully submitted _____ Sheila Schroeder