

June 29, 2018
SWCD Office

Supervisors Present: Mark Kingma, Kyler Laird and Lana Zimmer
Supervisors Absent: Mark Jordan and Derek Luchik
Staff Present: Dan Perkins and Sheila Schroeder
Associates Present:
Partners Present: Kevin Shide
Citizens Present:

I. Call to Order

Chairman Kyler Laird called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. CST.

II. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from April were presented for review. Lana motioned to approve the minutes and Mark K. seconded. Minutes approved.

III. Treasurer's Report, Claims

The treasurer's report and claims in the amount of \$10,195.47 for April and \$4,715.82 for May were presented for approval. Mark K. motioned to approve the reports and claims and Lana seconded. Motion carried. Report will be filed for audit. Sheila will check with the Auditor to determine if education funds can be used for mileage to educational events and field visits.

IV. Next Meeting Schedule

The next meeting date will be set utilizing Doodle Poll to determine a date in July when all Supervisors can be present. Sheila will send the Doodle Poll via email next week.

V. Correspondence

Dan distributed a memo noting that the county commission for FSA is seeking nominations. Information about a leadership institute training in Indianapolis on August 28th was distributed, along with a call for resolutions from the IASWCD.

VI. Healthy Soils

Dan distributed photographs and a description of a skip row project he is working on with Evan Stoller near Kentland. Discussion was held about the benefits expected with the process of planting 2 rows and skipping a row. Dan explained that this is a common practice in Western states. Evan and Dan are doing a 4 acre trial. If the project is successful, they plan to do a 40 acre plot next year and possibly apply for a CWI grant.

Dan explained the Monsanto roller crimper project and distributed information about that. They used our roller crimper for the project. Dan also distributed "Back Roads – A pictorial

guide to common Midwestern forbs, flowers and grasses along the country's back roads" by Dan Childs.

Dan gave an update about the interseeding trials he has been spending a lot of time on.

VII. Water Management

Sheila noted that the QAPP amendment was approved and we will be spending some 319 funds on e.coli source testing.

VIII. Land Use and Development

Dan distributed information regarding the East Central Illinois – West Central Indiana Flood Alliance which seeks to form a partnership to prepare for extreme weather events, especially flooding, particularly pertaining to the Iroquois River.

IX. District Development

Sheila will check with Mark J. to determine what he learned from Carl Ward's visit to the building and whether the drain and vent can be in working condition before the Jasper County Fair.

X. Agency/Partner Reports

NRCS – Kevin distributed a report and noted that it has been extremely busy the past couple of months. He announced that Rob Lawson has taken a new position and a replacement is being sought.

ISDA

No report

XI. Other Business

Mark discussed a meeting he had attended on 6/25 that included representatives from DNR, FEMA, IDEM and 2 congressmen. The Kankakee River and how to prevent flooding was the focus of the meeting. The goal is to have a slow and steady flow of sand through the river rather than a massive influx of sand during extreme weather events. Sheila will print the Kanakakee 319 grant for the Board to review as that grant will begin in January.

A brief discussion was held about wind turbines and their possible placement in Jasper County. The issue doesn't seem to have much of an impact on soil and water conservation issues.

Discussion was held about the role of SWCD at the Jasper County Fair. Dan will be judging conservation projects on 7/11. Lana noted that there is a box of undated ribbons at our education building that he can distribute to projects he wishes to recognize. We plan to be on site at our building Sunday – Friday, July 15-20 of fair week in the evenings. Dan and Sheila will check on the displays and have everything set up. There will be a "freebie" table for flyer and giveaways. Sheila will ask Lou Nagel who is responsible for cleaning the bathrooms during fair week.

Vice-chairman Lana Zimmer adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

Minutes approved

Respectfully submitted _____ Sheila Schroeder