



July 20, 2021

Jasper County Fairgrounds – SWCD Building

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

Supervisors Absent: Lana Zimmer

Staff Present: Shelby Keys and Derek Carty

i. Call to Order

Chairperson Mark J. called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm CST.

ii. Minutes from Previous Meeting

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

iii. Treasurer's Report

Claims for the month of June in the amount of \$8,195.25 were presented for review. Jim M. motions to approve claims for June, Mark K. seconds and the motion carries.

iv. Old Business

Current Grant Updates/Deliverables

- i. 205j – Lower Kankakee Watershed Initiative – Steering Committee Meeting at Fair Oaks Farms Farmhouse on Thursday, July 22nd at 8:15 am. Quarterly Site Visit with Amanda Studor-Bond, IDEM, on August 19th at 9:00 am at Newton County. One month left of water testing. Everglades of the North Paddle on August 28th. Board asked that the water quality data being shared at the steering committee meeting also be shared with them. Mark K. spoke about The Conservation Fund and recommended reaching out to see how we could work together.
- ii. CWI 2019 – Interseeding Project – Derek submitted grant report today. One more grant report left, due in December. Request for invoice has been sent to the Interseeder Technologies. Mark K. would like the seed moved from his shed before winter.
- iii. CWI 2020 – Met with Bri Ciara for grant reporting, report submitted on July 15th. Jared O'Brien is leaving Porter County. All County meeting tomorrow to coordinate going forward/re-allocating funds.
- iv. RC&D Invasive Buy-Back – Urged to reach out to landowner survey participants and see why they didn't follow through.
- v. Cover Crop Boxes – The two native boxes were certified as a Grow Indiana Natives garden through the Indiana Native Plant Society. A "We Grow Indiana Natives" sign is available for certified gardens and is \$35 for sign. Mark K. made a motion to order a sign, Stuart O. seconds and the motion carries.

Fair Week – Department of Natural Resources is donating 200 trees for give-a-ways. Mindy Gleason, Educator with the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District will be helping with a children's event on Sunday, July 25th.

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.

v. **New Business**

- i. River Rafting RC&D – Rafting is taking place this year on September 8th - 16th. Staff requested to help with the event for one day, the request was approved.
- ii. County Budget Hearing – Budget hearing on August 18th.
- iii. Director Update – Jasper County Invasives Initiative meeting on August 10th at Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area. 2021 CISMA Conference and field day taking place on August 5th and 6th.

Chairperson Mark J. made a motion to adjourn at 4:07 pm CST.

Minutes approved







Respectfully Submitted: Shelby Keys