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November 26, 2019 MINUTES

Jasper SWCD Office

Supervisors Present: Mark Kingma, Lana Zimmer, Derek Luchik, Jim Martin

Supervisors Absent: Mark Jordan

Staff Present: Derek Carty, Shelby Keys, Carolyn Ahler

Partners Present: Kevin Shide

1. Call to Order
 - a. Vice Chairperson Lana Zimmer called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm CST.
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - a. August and September minutes were presented for review. Mark K motioned to approve August's minutes and Jim M seconds the motion. Derek L motioned to approve September's minutes and Mark K seconds the motion.
3. Treasurer's Report, Claims
 - a. Derek L motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Jim M seconded the motion. Jim M pointed out the abundance of county funds that are still left. Discussion was had and Shelby will talk with Kim Grow on possibly encumbering the funds for 2020.
4. Correspondence
 - a. The district received an invoice from Ci Insurance to renew the Treasurer's Bond. Discussion was had and the invoice will be paid with budgeted county money.
 - b. The district also received an invoice from the National Association of Conservation Districts asking for a conservation investment. Discussion was had and staff will report back in December with what the association is doing to help before a donation is made.
5. Old Business
 - a. 205j - Kankakee Grant
 - i. Derek explained that Shelby and he are continuing to water test every month and participated in the Jasper County's Safe Halloween event in October. The District is hosting The Everglades of the North at the Fountain Stone Theater on January 11th. This will count for a field day outlined in Task C.
 - b. CWI 2019 - Interseeding Project
 - i. Derek explained that next year's plots will be done with skip row and that he has all the information he needs to get the deliverables complete. Mark J and Mark K will work with him on how to implement next year. Derek will receive yield maps soon from farmers who participated this year.
 - c. CWI 2017 - Roller Crimper
 - i. The farmer profile draft is near completion and Derek will reach out to the farmers who participated to summarize their experience using the roller crimper. The final report is due at the end of January.
 - d. RC&D 2017 - Drone and Water Testing
 - i. Derek will schedule his drone certification test in December and the grant will be

completed after that. Grant report is due at the end of January. District staff will be on the lookout for applications for RC&D 2020.

6. New Business

a. Asana Update

- i. Carolyn gave a presentation of Asana and explained the differences between it and our current master tracker. Asana has a cost of \$30 a month to keep after the one-month free trial. The board liked seeing the calendar view, which gave a day by day update of what was due and what's been done. Lana recommended making a printable version and including it in the board meeting packets. Jim M motioned to approve the monthly expense of using Asana and Mark K seconds the motion.

b. Annual Conference

- i. The IASWCD annual conference is January 12-14, 2020. Lana recommended going down Sunday night and working on the long-term business plan. Staff will run this plan by Mark J and then Shelby will register all participating members for the conference and reserve hotel rooms.

c. Annual Meeting

- i. The District would like to continue holding the annual meeting at Embers. A date of February 18th, 2020 was settled upon, contingent upon Scott Pelath being able to speak on that day. Carolyn mentioned door prizes and giving away a TV. Mark K motioned to allot \$250 to be spent on door prizes and Derek L seconds the motion.

d. Reschedule December Meeting

- i. The December meeting was previously scheduled for December 24th, which is Christmas Eve. The Board decided to reschedule the meeting for December 23rd at 3:00 pm CST.

e. CWI 2020

- i. The District was awarded a \$50,000 grant for Clean Water Indiana 2020. The grant will focus on improving infiltration with deep-rooted native Indiana perennials. Jasper County will partner with Newton, Porter, and LaPorte counties on the grant.

f. Upcoming Events - Selling Conservation

- i. Mark K motioned for Derek and Shelby to attend the Selling Conservation workshop for a cost of \$30.00 that will come out of the education portion of the county budget, Derek L seconds the motion and the motion passed.

7. Partner/Agency Reports

- a. NRCS, Kevin Shide - Coffee, Conversation, and Conservation - Kevin gave an update on the Notre Dame project and explained that it is being extended an extra year. He discussed the upcoming substantial changes with CRP and the upcoming fall tillage transect that District staff will help him with. Discussion was had on increasing outreach and partnering on a possible conservation and conversation event.

b.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm CST.

Minutes Approved






Respectfully Submitted: Shelby Keys