



February 7, 2020

Jasper County SWCD Office

Supervisors Present: Mark Jordan, Mark Kingma, Derek Luchik and Lana Zimmer

Supervisors Absent: Jim Martin

Staff Present: Derek Carty and Shelby Keys

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Mark Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:06 am CST.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from December were presented for review. Lana motioned to approve the minutes with the recommended changes and Mark K. seconded.

3. Treasurer's Report, Claims

The treasurer's report was presented for review. Discussion was had on what reports could be shown digitally and what should be on paper. Shelby will add lines to the Treasurer's Report to show what money for grants has been deposited and is spoken for. Mark K motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report and Derek L. seconded.

4. Correspondence

SWCD received Pheasant's Forever Banquet Tickets in the mail. Lana motioned to support Pheasant's Forever by attending the annual meeting and paying for tickets for Derek, Derek L, and Erica can attend.

The Soil and Water Conservation Society mailed the district a membership renewal form. Lana motioned to renew the membership and Derek L. seconds, using funds from our Dues budget.

District Staff received an email from Anna Williams, the 4-H Youth Development Education for Purdue Extension, asking if they could possibly help volunteer or lead a new group she is trying to organize called the 4-H Nature Detectives SPARK club.

Discussion was had and staff will reach back out to Anna to see if she could give some sort of time commitment and template of what would be needed.

5. Old Business

a) Derek on Open Grants

- i. 205j – A steering committee meeting is being held on February 14th to discuss a summary of all the water quality data that has been collected to see where the focus of the grant should be at. The movie showing of Everglades of the North was a huge success! Staff

will investigate possibly having another showing in the northern part of the county. An upcoming field day with soil pits is being held in April. Can use Mark K's equipment to dig his pit, will need to make sure Styck's have equipment capable of digging the pit. Staff will contact Hans Kok or Barry Fisher to see if they are available to do the demonstration. The letter of intent for an implementation grant is due in April.

- ii. CWI 2019 – Interseeder Project – All farmers are interested in having plots this year. Derek to set up one on one meetings with all farmers who participated to collect all their data for future uses. Mark K suggested using the interseeder for CWI 2020 plantings. Mark K to help Derek C make a schedule for plantings this year to give to CWI 2019 participants.
- iii. CWI 2017 – Roller Crimper – Derek C will get pictures of roller crimper taken and sent to a mechanic to see what needs fixed. The final report was sent in along with receipts for reimbursement. Make the roller crimper available to rent once it's fixed. The fact sheet with Michael O'Donnell was completed. PFLA soil testing needs to be scheduled before plowing season.
- iv. RC&D 2017 – Drone and Water Testing – Derek C. passed his drone test and got his certification to fly it for business purposes. Final report was sent in and grant is complete.
- v. CWI 2020 – Improving Infiltration with Native Plantings – Kyle P. has been contacted about having a soil pit on his property. Shelby will call him and set a date in August. Be sure to coordinate the date with the other participating counties. Also, work with Kevin Shide, NRCS, to invite participants. Call Superior Sales for a quote on borrow equipment to dig the pit with. Jasper County currently has 6 acres spoken for, still need 4 more acres. Derek C. showed maps of participates acres and discussed seed varieties. Lana would like cropping history on each participant.


6. New Business

- a. Purdue Extension/Water Riches – Staff asked to assist Bryan Overstreet, Purdue Extension, with Water Riches. This is a classroom event that teaches 4th graders about the water cycle, macroinvertebrates, and watersheds. Lana motioned to assist Purdue Extension by allowing a staff member to help Bryan when he needs assistance, Mark K seconded.
- b. CISMA Annual Conference – Staff would like to attend the 1st CISMA Annual Conference to better equip themselves with knowledge that they will be able to use in helping form the Jasper County CISMA group. This conference is held in Noblesville, IN on March 26th with a cost of \$28 per person. Derek L. motioned to send Derek C, Shelby, and Lana to the conference with funds coming from the Education budget and Lana seconds. The motion passes.
- c. CISMA – Discussion was had on holding a native plant sale with profits going towards the Jasper County CISMA group since they have no budget. Lana motioned to have the district coordinate and host the sale and then hold the proceeds in an account only for CISMA use, Derek L. seconded the motion. Shelby will work with Erica to create a plant sale order for and have it ready before our Annual Meeting and the February CISMA meeting.

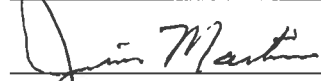
- d. Annual Plan of Work – Will have a lunch meeting on March 2nd starting at 9:00 AM CST to go over the annual plan of work. Shelby will reach out to see if Carolyn is available to join. Staff will work on a way to format all deliverables due in 2020 and events being held.
- e. Annual Meeting – Shelby showed graphics that she has made so far. Suggestions and additions were made. She will reach out to Carolyn for a simpler bulleted point list from the LKWI PowerPoint slides that were shown at the movie theater. Mark J will be Emcee.

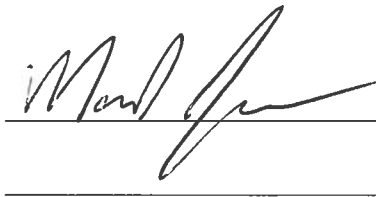
Chairperson Mark J. made a motion to adjourn at 10:31 a.m. CST.

Minutes approved









Respectfully Submitted: Shelby Keys

