

August 7, 2017

WHITE COUNTY SWCD SUPERVISORS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Larry Kilmer at 8:04 a.m.

Also present were John Demerly, John Fielding, David Lachmund, Andrew Westfall, Jared O'Brien, Mark Wright, Sara Schellenberger, and Sharon Watson.
Absent: Ryan Howard

Minutes: The minutes from the July meeting stand as received. (John D/John F)

Treasure's Report: Treasure's report for July was reviewed and approved subject to audit at a later date.

Claims: Approved. (David/John F)

Old Business:

2018 CWI Grant Ideas: Mark met with Quentin from Pulaski County. Pulaski County will have a Board meeting tomorrow 8/8, and will discuss the idea of partnering with us on this grant. Ideas that are being considered are, drone/plane imaging, pollinator plots, and soil test kits. The board discussed how this program would work and the amount of cost share they would like to offer. Mark will work with Pulaski County and come back to the board with a final proposal.

Budget Hearing: The County budget hearing will be August 22, 10:45 a.m., in the Courthouse Council Rm. We will meet at the courthouse at 10:30 a.m.

Big Pine Watershed Meeting: John F and Sara attended the short meeting. Funding for the 319 Grant just came in and there is only a very small acreage in White County eligible for cost share on a host of practices. Application deadline is Aug. 21. There will be a water monitoring summary put together this fall. August 13, will be a stream clean-up day from 1-4 p.m. Next meeting will be Sept. 27. There was a crimping demonstration at the Benton Co. Fairgrounds after the meeting.

RC&D Report: The Annual Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 16, 5 p.m. at the Winamac City Park. There will be a short raft trip after which a dinner will be served. Please RSVP by Aug. 10.

Other: None

New Business:

NRCS: Report is attached.

ISDA Update: Jared offered to pick up our INField Advantage supplies and to help with the stalk sampling. He mentioned to ask Geneva to look at our CWI Grant for assistance. Jared will be working at the State Fair on the 16th at the Normandy Barn doing the Sandbox demo. He has been busy working with the Tech Team and has been working with some of the SWCD's up north. Sharon thanked Jared for helping with the INField maps and he offered his services any time we need extra help.

Extension Update: Andrew reported that it was a very good county fair this year. There will be an Agronomy Field Day, Sept. 7 at the Purdue Research Farm from 8 – 2. Sept. 15 will be the local Ag Outlook Breakfast. More information for these programs will be forthcoming. Extension is also hosting a Local Food Summit on Aug. 22, 10 – 2, at the fairgrounds in Reynolds.

Office Manager/Education Activities: Report is attached.

Office Assistant/Technician Activities: Report is attached.

Other New:

DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife are in the process of writing a RCPP Grant for Grasslands for Gamebirds and Songbirds Initiative. They are requesting us along with 4 other counties in our area to partner with them. The board decided to offer In-kind Outreach and Promotion at a total of \$1500 over a 3 year period beginning in 2019 and ending in 2021. Board approved. (David/John F). Larry Kilmer, board chair signed the supporting letter.

Adjourn: 9:27 a.m.

Next board meeting will be Monday, September 11, 2017, at 8 a.m. (Note date change due to first Monday being a Holiday) we will hold our Local Working Group meeting right after the regular board meeting.

Larry Kilmer, Chair

David Lachmund, Secretary