

July 10, 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, Mark Wright, Sara Schellenberger, and Sharon Watson. Absent: Ryan Howard

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

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

Claims: Approved. (John F/David)

Old Business:

2018 CWI Grant Ideas: Mark reported that Quentin in Pulaski County is working on a possible Pollinator Habitat Grant request for us to partner with. Mark has also been researching the idea of drone imagery for a standalone grant. He made contact with Brian Sutton from Lowell about his services. Brian flies an airplane and does thermal and advanced DVI Imagery. Mark will continue to do research. Grant is due Sept. 15.

Budget Hearing: The County budget hearing will be August 22, 10:45 a.m., in the Courthouse Council Rm. All board members were encouraged to attend.

Tillage Transect: Was completed by Sara, John F, Mark and Sharon. Seems like more tillage this year due to weather conditions. A little disappointing that we don't see more no-till.

Women's Learning Circle: Event went well. Good reviews. Two women from White County, Sara and Sharon attended.

Other: None

New Business:

NRCS: Report is attached.

ISDA Update: None

Extension Update: None

Office Manager/Education Activities: Report is attached.

Office Assistant/Technician Activities: Report is attached.

County Budget Worksheet: The County has requested that we trim our budget request for 2018 by 10%. The board proposed reducing the mileage by \$500 and the Copier Maintenance Account by \$1135. (David/John F)

Jasper County Field Day: The Jasper County SWCD has asked the surrounding counties if they would be interested in partnering with them this year for their 3rd Annual Field Day. It will be held Nov. 9, in Brook, IN. Sharon will ask for more information on what kind of support they are looking for.

Other New: Andrew (Extension) has asked if we would be interested in partnering with them to offer a plastic recycling program for farmers to bring in their used plastic chemical containers. He is still waiting on further information. The board thought it was a good idea.

Next Big Pine Watershed meeting will be July 26, 1-3 p.m., Benton County Fairgrounds, followed by a Roller-Crimper demo and a social at 4:30 p.m.

August 16, 5 p.m., Arrow Head Country RC&D Annual Meeting at the Winamac City Park. All invited.

Adjourn: 9:18 a.m.

Next board meeting will be Monday, August 7, 2017, at 8 a.m.

Larry Kilmer, Chair

David Lachmund, Secretary