

July 5, 2016

WHITE COUNTY SWCD SUPERVISORS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Larry Kilmer at 8:00 a.m.

Also present were John Demerly, Bruce Reynolds, Ryan Howard, David Lachmund, John Fielding, Mark Wright, Jerod O'Brien, Sara Schellenberger, and Sharon Watson. Absent: Ralph Zarse

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

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

Claims: Signed (David/John F)

Old Business:

Infield Advantage: 8 participants signed up with 18 fields. All entered into the data base by deadline of July 1.

River Friendly Farmer: Did not meet the deadline.

Internal Controls Policy: Draft policy sent out to board members prior to meeting. Board will continue to review and recommend any changes that need to be made by next board meeting.

Budget Hearing: Please mark your calendars. The hearing will be Aug. 16.

Tillage Transect: John F., Mark and Sharon completed. Lots of corn. No till acres seem to be down.

Big Pine Creek: Sharon and Larry attended steering committee meeting. We received the 319 Grant and will have an information meeting with Leanne from IDEM soon.

2016 CWI Grant: Cover Crop applications will be due July 29 and ready to review at our August Board Meeting. This is the last year for this grant. Sharon will contact Pulaski and Fulton Counties and see if they would like to partner again for the next round of grants.

Other Old: John F attended the Arrow Head Country RC& D Annual Meeting. Good presentation on two stage ditch. Also heard from the Financial Advisor for the Ferguson Trust property. They were unable to visit the property due to rain.

New Business:

NRCS: Sara Schellenberger, the new DC, reported on the Women's Learning Circle that will be held in Tippecanoe Co. on July 27. Mark will send out a press release inviting women participating in farm operations to this meeting. Sara shared an article on cover crops and tile plugging. She also shared info on Earth Team volunteer requirements.

ISDA Update: Jerod O'Brien, the Resource Specialist with the State Depart. of Ag., that Indiana is in the process of creating a spec sheet for saturated buffers. There is a webinar Thurs. concerning the tile drain plugging. He offered to help with Infield Advantage information. Geneva, our DSS, is back from maternity leave.

Office Manager/Education Activities: Report is attached.

Office Assistant/Technician Activities: Report is attached.

Other New: Enviro well testing kit display is being offered to the office. Board decided to let them send the display but we will also offer other testing lab information in our resource library.

Adjourn: 8:45 a.m.

Next board meeting will be Monday, August 1, 2016 at 8 a.m.

Larry Kilmer, Chair

David Lachmund, Secretary