

May 4, 2018

WHITE COUNTY SWCD SUPERVISORS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Larry Kilmer at 8:00 a.m. The meeting was rescheduled from May 1 to May 4 due to members being busy in the fields.

Also present were John Demerly, David Lachmund, Bruce Reynolds, Jaylen Hunt, Andrew Westfall, Mark Wright, Sara Schellenberger, and Sharon Watson. Absent: John Fielding

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

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

Claims: Approved. (David/Jaylen)

Old Business:

River Friendly Farmer Nominations: The names of Larry Kilmer, Huber Farms and Coonrod Farms were all mentioned. Sharon will make contacts.

Big Pine Watershed Steering Committee: Field Day is June 1, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Clarks Farm in Warren County. Brochures and letters sent out by Benton County.

Other: Infield Advantage: applications are now in the office along with the Soybean Project applications.

Platbooks: Any additional information, photos, articles, changes etc. for the new platbooks will need to be done by June 1.

New Business:

NRCS: Report is attached.

ISDA Update: None

Extension Update: Horticulture series is finished, and he had a pretty good group participate. He now has enough signed up for a Master Gardener Course for this fall. He also offered advanced scouting to fly the drone over fields to collect data. Purdue has some research program going on that the board may be interested in participating in.

RC&D Update: John F and Mark attend the meeting on April 11 to receive the check for our Soil Test/Well Test Grant. There was also a presentation on a possible future CISMA (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area) creation with partnership possibilities. It will be discussed at their June meeting.

Office Manager/Education Activities: Report is attached.

Office Assistant/Technician Activities: Report is attached.

2019 CWI Grant: Grant application is due Sept. 14. Mark has been in contact with Pulaski County and they are interested in partnering with us. Ideas: Cover Crops and Pollinator Habitat.

Other: Budget: County Budget request was distributed, and hearings will be scheduled soon.

Garden Club Request: The Monticello Garden Club made a request for funds to help with Pollinator Habitat plantings at the city park. After some discussion, the board agreed to give them up to \$1000 for this project with the request of signage being placed to recognize the SWCD as a funder. (David/John D)

Adjourn: 8:45 a.m.

Next board meeting will be Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at 8 a.m.

Larry Kilmer, Chair

David Lachmund, Secretary