

October 10, 2018

## WHITE COUNTY SWCD SUPERVISORS MEETING

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

Also present were John Demerly, David Lachmund, John Fielding, Bruce Reynolds, Jaylen Hunt, Andrew Westfall, Mark Wright, Sara Schellenberger and Geneva Tyler

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report for August and September was reviewed and approved subject to audit at a later date.

**Claims:** No claims were available for this meeting.

### **Old Business:**

**CWI Grants 2019:** Mark informed board that the Arrowhead RC&D Cisma grant and the District's pollinator grant have been submitted and will be decided upon at the October 23 State Soil Conservation Board meeting. Board was informed that Pulaski SWCD Administrator has resigned his position effective October 5, and that Pulaski is the lead district on our shared pollinator habitat grant. Their part-time person was advanced to the Administrator position.

**Soil Health Workshop:** The all-day workshop will be held on Dec. 6, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Flora Community Building in Carroll County. Sara reiterated that there is a limited amount of space and potential participants need to register soon if they plan to attend.

**Future District Operations:** District is running smoothly and there are no major issues to address.

**Other:** John Fielding informed board the Arrow Head Country RC&D has decided to give \$100.00 to the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation in honor of Sharon Watson, that the RC&D grants committee agree to go back to its regular grant cycle, and that there were 6 applicants for the open CISMA job position.

**New Business:**

**Election Committee:** John Fielding will chair the Election Committee and Bruce Reynolds and Andrew Westfall will serve on the committee. Motion by David Lachmund, seconded by Jaylen Hunt.

Election committee to select potential candidates by November 1. Ballot names need to be submitted to Sharepoint by Dec 1. Geneva determined that there were no appointed seats to be submitted this year and that David Lachmund is up for re-election.

**Annual Meeting Plans:** Discussed the possibility to move meeting this year to March and to return to morning schedule. Bruce suggested, and the board enthusiastically agreed, that drone usage would be a good topic for the meeting. Mark will make contact with Purdue and others to see who might available to speak on that topic.

**Bi-County Soils Workshop:** Board was asked for any suggested topics. They were informed that Sara/Mark have a planning meeting scheduled with Carroll County on October 16 and would know more after that.

**DNR Grasslands Program Launched:** Sara gave a synopsis of the program and reported on the meeting held recently in Fowler. Board was also shown the agreement we signed in August 2017 to help with this project.

**INField Update:** All fields have been sampled.

**Raptor/Voles/Cover Crops Study:** Sara gave a report on this Purdue research project.

**NRCS:** Report attached

**ISDA Update:** Geneva reminded board of the Regional Supervisor’s meeting at Fair Oaks on November 15. She gave the board details regarding the upcoming “Leadership in Change” meeting to be November 30 at Turkey Run State Park. She also informed that the Fall Transect files should be sent out soon.

**Extension Update:** Andrew shared that there was not enough interest starting a Master Gardner program in the county this year and that he’d also be interested in any topics of interest for upcoming winter programming.

**Office Assistant/Technician Activities:** Report attached

**Other:** Discussed several funds requests. Board agreed to pay the Indiana Woodland Steward \$125.00 (John F/David) and to update the Labor Laws poster required by the district in the amount of \$10.90 (JF/David). At the last minute, we also received a request to pay for Education Grant expenses from Katie Potts/Frontier High School. The school district treasurer apparently misplaced these statements and asked if we would pay them. Mark will contact her and figure the situation out and report to board at next meeting. We also received a request to continue our membership in the National Association of Conservation Districts. We will revisit this subject after determining what amount we have contributed in previous years.

**Adjourn:** 9:35 a.m.

Next board meeting will be Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 8:00 a.m.

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Larry Kilmer, Chair

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David Lachmund, Secretary