

September 7, 2018

WHITE COUNTY SWCD SUPERVISORS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Larry Kilmer at 8:05 a.m.

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

Visiting: Ben Eaton, Geneva Tyler and Brad Ward.

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

Treasurer's Report: Per motion put for by John Fielding and seconded by Jaylen Hunt, treasurer's report for August will be reviewed at next board meeting.

Claims: No claims were available for this meeting.

Old Business:

CWI Grant 2019: Mark informed board that application for pollinators grant is completed and has been forwarded to Quentin Blount at the lead district Pulaski SWCD for formal submittal. Due date is September 14.

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. Registration fliers were distributed to board members. Sara mentioned that there is a limited amount of space so potential participants need to register as soon as possible.

CISMA (Cooperative Invasives Management Areas): Mark informed board that all 10 counties in the RC&D region have agreed to participate in this CWI grant and Cass County has agreed to become the lead district for this grant.

Women's Learning Circle: Sara reported that this was a good event and included an interesting visit to a pollinator/prairie/forest habitat restoration area near Oxford. John F reported that his wife attended and really enjoyed it.

Other: Sara informed board that George Reger, ISDA has offered to get our INfield sampling supplies for us. Ben Eaton offered to help with stalk sampling. John F also offered to assist.

New Business:

Future District Operations: Larry Kilmer informed us that Lafayette Bank and Trust required that a copy of this board meeting's minutes be provided to verify that a motion was brought forward to allow Jaylen Hunt, who name is currently co-listed on the account, be allow to sign district checks. (John D made motion to allow Jaylen Hunt to be re-listed and Larry Kilmer to be added, on the district bank account, David seconded.)

Board members were given copies of Administrator job description to review. Since document is only four years old only few minor changes will be made. Larry informed he'd talked to Commissioner Steve Burton and was informed that district could proceed, and that county could perform background checks. Geneva informed board of options for posting and filling the position. John D suggested board take time and review requirements for filling this position. Geneva suggested posting it for 2 or three weeks. She agreed that resumes could be sent to her. Mark will contact White county HR department regarding: salary range allowed and what requirements county needs regarding posting/filling of this position. Geneva suggested when resumes are reviewed that they be done in an Executive Session following next month's board meeting. John D made motion to allow Mark to contact county HR department and to proceed with posting position, John F seconded motion. David made motion that submitted resumes are to be sent to Geneva, seconded by Jaylen.

NRCS: Report attached

ISDA Update: Geneva offered to help assist in any way with the process of filling the office administrator's position. She also mentioned that the Regional Supervisor's meeting at Fair Oaks has been changed to November 15. She said that a panel on supervisor development and a talk by Warren County farmer Rick Clark are part of the agenda for that meeting.

Extension Update: Andrew shared that the annual Ag Outlook Breakfast is scheduled for Sept. 14, starting at 7:30 at the Fairgrounds. He offered to help with INfield stock sampling as time allows. He said he would provide a copy of the county Treasurer's Report to us for the month of August.

Office Manager/Education Activities: n/a

Office Assistant/Technician Activities: Report attached

Other: Brad Ward, White County Surveyor mentioned that the next commissioner's meeting is to be held on September 17th. Audience was informed that immediately following our board meeting, we will be holding a Local Working Group Meeting.

Adjourn: 9:58 a.m.

Next board meeting will be Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at 7:30 a.m.

Larry Kilmer, Chair

David Lachmund, Secretary