



Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District
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MINUTES – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2021

8:30 AM – St. John Lutheran Hubbell's

Supervisor

Ken Gunkel – Chairman
Eric Callahan – Vice Chair – not present
Pat Holland
John Kruse
Robert Schroeder

Associate Supervisors

Brad Dawson – not present
Tom Klump

SWCD Staff

Jessica Rayburn
Vickie Riggs – via phone
Jennifer Hughes
Watershed – Heather Wirth – via phone
NRCS - Matt Jarvis
Alejandra González-López – not present
Extension – not present
FFA – East Central – Bradley Kolb
Brady Hornberger
South Dearborn – not present
ISDA – Not present

The board meeting was called to order by Ken Gunkel, Chair, at 8:33 AM.

Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting, August 19, 2021, were reviewed, motion to approve was made by John Kruse, seconded by Robert Schroeder, motion carried.

Financial Report

The claims voucher for August was presented to the Board for review. A motion to approve the claims vouchers was made by Pat Holland, seconded by John, motion carried.

Extension

- John Hawley passed out some flyers. The first flyer was for the upcoming Planning & Zoning Workshops. Planning & Zoning will hold three workshops on September 30, October 13, and October 23 on ag & residential zoning updates. The second flyer was for the Hoosier Hay Contest. The deadline to submit hay samples is September 15th. There will be a payout for the top 3 places. For rules or an entry form, you can visit indianaforage.org or contact John. He said a pest management training will be held this fall at SEPAC (Southeast Purdue Agricultural Center). He finished up a four-week rootworm field test and didn't find any rootworms. He is receiving one to two calls a day on armyworms. Many of the calls are about armyworms in lawns.

FFA

- Bradley Kolb and Brady Hornberger, East Central (EC) FFA, gave an updated on current and upcoming events for FFA. They said they had callout on August 25th. The Livestock



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Skilaton consisted of three middle school teams and four high school teams. The top team placed 6th out of 14 teams. The top individual was Bradley Kolb and he placed 9th out of 52 contestants. The FFA teams are still practicing for the upcoming soils contest.

ISDA

- Not present

NRCS

- Matt Jarvis gave an update on the current covid and office policies. He said Alejandra González-López was on a field visit at the Archeological Research Institute in Lawrenceburg. He said they are working to see what can be planted that will not disrupt the structures. He said an archaeology study is taking place before the expansion at the bottom of State Line Road takes places.

Old Business

- No old business was discussed.

New Business

- Election Committee- Jessica Rayburn said Pat Holland will be up for the elected position and Ken Gunkel will be up for the appointed position. She said the Election Committee is due by November 1st. It was agreed that John Kruse, Robert Schroeder, and Tom Klump would serve on the Election Committee.
- OKI-RCC Tour – Jessica passed out the OKI-RCC Tour flyer. John and Pat both said they would like to attend. Jessica will submit the registrations.

Staff Reports

- Vickie Riggs sent her report. Matt passed around the new plat books for the board to view. Vickie discussed the cover. She said the plat books are being sold for \$25.00 each. She said the company sent out postcards to landowners and there will be a drawing for a wall map or smart phone map. She is waiting on CCSI to send the reimbursement for cover crop books. She attended the River Friendly Farmer (RFF) Awards program at the Indiana State Fair and said it went well. She said the RFF signs are delayed but will be delivered as soon as they are available. She sent a press release for the RFF to local newspapers and the local radio station. She said the soils training was good but long.
- Heather Wirth sent her report. She will be setting up at Ag Day on September 14 and 15. She said Ohio is looking into expanding the 319 grant projects. She is planning to hold a septic system workshop in Franklin County. She is working with the Franklin County Health Department and SWCD to plan the workshop.



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- Jennifer Hughes sent her report. She met with Lawrenceburg, Aurora, Greendale, Hidden Valley Lake, and Dearborn County and presented a slide show of what they can expect if they receive the MS4 letter in December. She can assist Dearborn County but would need agreements to assist Lawrenceburg, Aurora, and Greendale. She is planning an educational meeting for D.I.R.T that will take place virtually this winter.
- Jessica Rayburn sent her report. She presented the Indiana Woodland Steward donation request. The Indiana Woodland Steward is asking for a larger donation than has been given in the past. Jessica and Ken will work together to obtain additional information and will report back to the board. She passed out the New Alsace Conservation Club Golf Outing. She said she submitted the supervisor per diem, and they should receive their payment Friday, September 10.

Supervisor Updates/Comments

- Pat attended the Backyard Class on Bats. He said it was very informative and enjoyed the class. He said Carnegie Hall Tours start Sunday, September 12. The Tour is available 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM.
- Robert said he will be attending his last Farmers Market of the year. He said the outcome wasn't what he expected and there was less engagement than he had hoped for. He said he isn't sure if it is worth moving forward with the program next year and it might be wiser to look in other directions.

Other

- Commissioner's Meeting – Jessica and Matt plan to attend the September 21st evening meeting.

Adjourn -Meeting was adjourned at 10:07 AM.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 8:30 AM at Purdue Extension Dearborn Co.**

Jessica Rayburn
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:

