



**Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District**

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**MINUTES OF THE DEARBORN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2014**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Terry Hall, Chair

Marshall Alford

John Kruse

David Todd

NOT PRESENT

Brad Dawson

NRCS

Shasta Woodard

ISDA

Mark Thomas

SWCD STAFF

Rita Cutter

Jennifer Hughes

Vickie Smith

WATERSHED STAFF

Heather Wirth

Chelsea Tooley

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Terry Hall at the Conservation Office. Minutes from Annual Meeting and the March Board Meeting were approved on a motion by John Kruse, seconded by David Todd and carried. The financial report was approved on a motion by Marshall Alford, seconded by John Kruse and carried. Copies of the Financial Status as of 4-1-2014 were distributed.

Review of Annual Meeting – There were 85 in attendance. Power Point presentations were good. There was discussion about having door prizes next year, maybe a dozen.

Review of OKI-RCC Annual Meeting – There were probably 100 in attendance with an informative program. The Summer Tour will be in Dearborn County either Friday, July 18 or 25. The group will gather at Hidden Valley Lake (HVL) parking lot, carpool to Mark Hall’s business, travel to Salatin’s Orchard, and then back to HVL for late lunch at Willie’s (down stairs with each person ordering off the menu & paying their own bill). After lunch HVL will do presentations on Invasives, Rule 13, and Rain Gardens. We will need snacks & drinks mid-morning. This was approved on a motion by John Kruse, seconded by Dave Todd and carried.

Technical/Education – Vickie Smith sent her report. Rural Fire Protection units were discussed. One has been approved for a site off SR 1, about a mile South of Dover. There may be other sites in the area. Vickie was named “Friend of Conservation” by Ohio Co SWCD and received a plaque and gift at their Annual Meeting.

Extension Report – Mike Hornbach was unable to attend, but sent flyers for upcoming SEPAC Field Day on July 1<sup>st</sup> and Master Gardeners program September thru December. Rita will email the SEPAC flyer to all on our email lists. Pond Clinic is May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Gladys Russell Park. Flyers will be mailed out in two weeks.

FFA – no report.

Rule 5/Rule 13 - Jennifer Hughes mailed her reports. There was discussion of possible violations. She has been receiving NOT forms back and forwarding them to IDEM.

Hogan Creek Watershed – Heather Wirth sent her report. Five hundred trees for the Tree Give Away on May 2<sup>nd</sup> have been ordered. She received an email that questions by EPA were answered to their satisfaction to allow IDEM to begin contract development for the Implementation Grant.

Whitewater River Watershed – Heather reported that water monitoring was moved to April 21-23. The Steering Committee will meet next Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Harrison Library. QUAPP has been sent in for IDEM's approval. Chelsea Tooley reported on the River Sweep on June 21<sup>st</sup>. They are trying to get canoes for Clean Up on Whitewater River. They will be working on a newsletter today.

HHH - no report

ISDA – Mark Thomas said they are still getting requests for interviews with Water Quality Trading farmers. There was an article in Farm World.

NRCS – Shasta Woodard will be leaving as of May 2<sup>nd</sup> to take the District Conservationist position in Jackson County. The Barn Meetings for the three counties will be Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm at the Ohio County Extension office. New EQIP deadline for applications is May 16<sup>th</sup>. She explained some changes in the new Farm Bill. Shasta looked at 3 EWP sites of flooding/wash outs with the county highway department and will be working with state office staff to see if any funds are available. Robert Zupancic and Evan Devine will be Acting DCs until the DC position gets filled. The position has been advertised and closes April 14th.

Administrative Issues – Rita Cutter sent out her report. Office Activity Reports were distributed. We have received the Agreement with Indiana State Department of Ag for the \$10,000 CWI matching grant. Ohio County SWCD will also get the \$10,000 this year.

The following vouchers were approved for payment on a motion by Marshall Alford, seconded by John Kruse, and carried.

Chelsea Tooley (WWR Mileage) \$103.60  
Heather Wirth (HC \$219.52 & WWR \$87.92 Mileage) \$307.44  
Jennifer Hughes (Mileage) \$86.01  
Dearborn County 4-H Assn (Trophy) \$15  
General Graphics (Rental Agreements) \$432.30  
Div. of Forestry (Trees) \$41.80  
The Office Shop (April Color Copier Usage)  
DC Sheriff's Dept (April Fuel Usage)  
2 UPS (Shipping Soil Samples)  
A & L Great Lakes (Soil Tests)  
WalMart (Supplies)  
HHH RC&D (Whitewater River Watershed Payroll)  
HHH RC&D (Hogan Creek Watershed Payroll)  
S. Dearborn Regional Sewer District (Water testing)  
Rita Cutter (Supplies) \$13.38  
National Pen (Promotional supplies)

