



Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District
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**MINUTES OF THE DEARBORN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2015**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Terry Hall, Chair
Marshall Alford
John Kruse
David Todd
NOT PRESENT
Brad Dawson

NRCS

Matt Jarvis
EC FFA
Steven Hall
Brittany Shumate
Morgan Zeiser
FSA
Chuck Deputy

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 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 David Todd and carried.

Annual Meeting – The Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at the Dearborn Adult Center at 6:30 p.m. with Rolling Pin Catering. Tickets will be \$6. Reservations are due by March 3rd.

Education/Technical – Vickie Smith had sent her report. One CRP Conservation Plan and one Clean Water Indiana plan were signed by the Chair. There is nearly \$1700 available for soil testing and hay sampling for 2015.

Extension Report – Mike Hornbach was unable to attend but left a message about the upcoming Estate Planning program at the Extension office on February 10 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. with Ken Roney, CPA with Indiana Farm Bureau. There will also be a Tree Care and Management program on March 31st from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Extension office.

FFA – Steven Hall, FFA President, reported that they sold \$46,000 on their Fruit Sale and made a profit of \$17,000. They will take their top sellers to a dinner. Brittany Shumate reported on their help at the N. Dearborn Food Pantry. And Morgan Zeiser reported on their upcoming FFA Week activities in February.

Hogan Creek Watershed – Heather Wirth sent her report. She is working with Kathleen Hagan at IDEM on the new cost share program, which was to have a systems approach.

Whitewater River Watershed – Heather Wirth and Chelsea Tooley sent their reports. Heather reported that they are working with Franklin County SWCD and Extension on a Tillage Breakfast for March 14th at Zimmer Tractor in Brookville. There will be Indiana and possibly Ohio PARP credits available. They are also working on a Backyard

Conservation workshop with Jennifer Hughes for March 31st. The next Steering Committee meeting will be January 21st at the Harrison Library at 6:00 p.m.

Rule 5/Rule 13 – Jennifer Hughes sent her report. She finished the flyers for the Backyard Conservation workshops she is working on with Master Gardeners. She received the new list of Permits from IDEM, so her list is much smaller (from 7 pages down to 3).

HHH – No report.

ISDA – No report.

NRCS – Matt Jarvis reported there were 9 applications for EQIP submitted. The letter the board wants to send to the state office about EQIP practices was put on hold until the State Office gets some of the changes made.

Administrative - Rita Cutter sent her report. Rita asked the Chair to appoint an Audit Committee to go over the financial records following the February meeting. Terry and another supervisor will do this. The next Leadership Institute-Communications-will be held February 13 and 14 at Wabash. Heather Wirth plans to attend and David Todd is considering it. Deadline is Jan 23rd.

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

Heather Wirth (Mileage) \$45.36 (Reimb for Annual Mtg Reservations)
The Office Shop (January Copier Usage)
DC Sheriff's Dept (January Fuel Usage)
HHH RC&D (Whitewater River Watershed Payroll)
HHH RC&D (Hogan Creek Watershed Payroll)
A & L Great Lakes (Forage Samples)
UPS (Shipping Forage Samples)
IN League of RC&Ds (Leadership Institute Reservations) 2 x \$125
Charley Creek Inn (Lodging for Leadership Institute)
US Postal Service (Mailing BYC flyers)
US Postal Service (WWR Newsletter Mailing)
US Postal Service (Mailing Annual Reports)
Modern Printing Solutions (Printing Annual Reports)
Awards
John Kruse (Annual Conference Expenses)
Brad Dawson (Annual Conference Expenses)
David Todd (Annual Conference Expenses)
Rita Cutter (Annual Conference Expenses)

Additional Comments – Jennifer Hughes mentioned that the SWCD's Business Plan expires at the end of 2015 so needs to be re-written this year as well as to do an Annual Plan of Work and Employee Evaluations. Chair Terry Hall suggested we work on Employee Evaluations and start on the Business Plan at the February meeting. There will be a CCSI Hub meeting in March at Larry Huffmeyers. The Board agreed that the March

Board Meeting will be on our regular date of March 12th instead of after the Annual Meeting. The Board approved US Bank and Dearborn Savings Bank as depositories for 2015 for the SWCD. This year the Employees Longevity pay will be included in each pay check. FSA Director Chuck Deputy was introduced to the group. He will now do shared management in Dearborn and Ohio County along with Switzerland County.

The next meeting will be February 12th at 8:00 a.m. There being no further business, Chair Terry Hall declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m. Board members and staff worked on their Annual Plan of Work following the meeting.

Rita Cutter

Secretary

Approved by:

<u><i>David A Todd</i></u>	-	<u><i>Terry Hall</i></u>	-
<u><i>John Lusey</i></u>	-	_____	-
<u><i>Bradley E Dean</i></u>	-		