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**Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District**

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**MINUTES OF THE DEARBORN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2015**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Terry Hall, Chair  
Brad Dawson  
John Kruse  
David Todd

NOT PRESENT

Marshall Alford

NRCS

Matt Jarvis  
EC FFA  
Steven Hall  
Sam Willgenbush

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 were approved on a motion by John Kruse, seconded by David Todd and carried. The financial report was approved on a motion by Brad Dawson, seconded by John Kruse and carried. Rita Cutter has requested 2015 county appropriations.

IASWCD Annual Conference – Brad Dawson, David Todd and Rita Cutter attended. There were two area Senators Chip Perfect and Jeff Raatz there for the Legislative Breakfast. No area representatives. The Business meeting was well attended and both resolutions passed. Brad spoke with Ray Chattin from Knox County at Annual Conference concerning the Southern Indiana Cooperative Invasive Management (SICIM) group, who is requesting participation and financial support for educational materials and programs. They are asking for sponsorships of \$500 to \$1000, which will be matched by The Nature Conservancy up to \$5000. After discussion, John Kruse made a motion to support the project with \$1000. This was seconded by David Todd and carried. The group also requested putting up a display at our Annual Meeting.

Annual Plan of Work and Business Plan – Heather Wirth presented the draft of the Annual Plan of Work she had put together from information gathered following the January Meeting. This will be an internal document to let all know what is being planned for the year and who will take the lead on it. A calendar of events for the public was discussed, but decided that newsletters and announcements would take care of that as things are approaching. The current Business Plan ends this year. We will plan on working on this in August and have it finalized by November or December. Vickie will check on a facilitator for this half-day workshop. We will need to invite partners.

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 4th. The Annual Report was taken to the printer Modern Printing Solutions. There was a suggestion of getting someone as a speaker. Steven Hall and another FFA member can attend the annual meeting. Jennifer requested two tickets for each of the 3 “Friend of Conservation” award winners. This was approved on a motion by Brad Dawson, seconded by John Kruse and carried.

Education/Technical – Vickie Smith had sent her report. Two EQIP plans were signed by the Chair. Vickie is working on a Forestry Field Day for August at the Gladys Russell Park. The Indiana Conservation Partnership (ICP) group said there are grants for Forestry Workshops and gave books to each SWCD. She would like to give some books for door prizes. Matt Jarvis mentioned that Indiana NRCS has a State Forester that may be of some help.

Extension Report – Mike Hornbach was unable to attend but left a message about the upcoming workshops at SEPAC. There will also be a Grain Marketing workshop on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at the Extension office with speakers from Consolidated Grain and Barge and a Tree Care and Management program on March 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Extension.

FFA – Steven Hall, FFA President, reported on Officer Interviews and District Contests on February 24<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup>. Sam Willgenbush reported on Natural Resources Contests on April 11<sup>th</sup> and National FFA Week Feb. 15-20 activities.

Hogan Creek Watershed – Heather Wirth sent her report. She reported on the National No-Till Conference she attended in Cincinnati and said it was very good. The Cost Share for Hogan Creek Grant was approved by IDEM.

Whitewater River Watershed – Heather Wirth and Chelsea Tooley sent their reports. Heather said the Franklin Co highway approved their signs. She distributed flyers for upcoming workshops. The next Steering Committee meeting will be Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at the Harrison Library at 6:00 p.m. In addition to helping with the newsletters, Chelsea is working on the draft of Sections 15-19 of the Management Plan. Chelsea will be renewing the ARC Map subscription.

Rule 5/Rule 13 – Jennifer Hughes sent her report. She has been working on mailing of BYC Workshop flyers, Annual Meeting slideshow, and Leadership Academy classes.

HHH – Brad Dawson reported that HHH is going thru re-organization now. Ted Fowler remains active representing Dearborn County. Brad asked for nominations for someone to represent the SWCD and attend meetings. John Kruse nominated Vickie Smith; this was seconded by Brad Dawson and carried.

ISDA – Mark Thomas reported that the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Ripley Co No-Till Breakfast will be at the Versailles Baptist Church in town instead of Hopewell Church this year. There is limited parking. He has completed Region 5 Analysis for his six counties.

NRCS – Matt Jarvis reported on the Area Meeting topic of REAP, an energy loan program thru Rural Development. March 5<sup>th</sup> will be HEL and Wetland Training. He will be attending the March 6-7 Small Farm Conference. Staff will be meeting with FSA on building issues. Matt had asked Ohio County if they would like to do a Grazing Field Day this summer. Jennifer mentioned that maybe this could be the Clean Water Indiana workshop that we are needing to do with the 3 counties.

Administrative - Rita Cutter sent her report. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Supervisor & Staff Training on March 3 in North Vernon with deadline for sign up by Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Meeting meal reservations by March 4<sup>th</sup>, and the OKI-RCC Annual Meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup> with reservations to her by March 19<sup>th</sup>, since she will be on

vacation the following week. John Kruse, Jennifer Hughes and Rita Cutter plan to attend the OKI-RCC annual meeting.

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

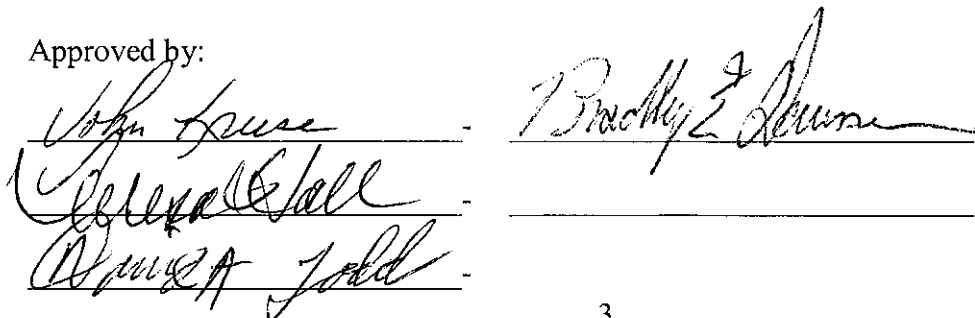
HHH RC&D (2015 Dues) \$250  
IN Department of Revenue (2014 Sales Tax) \$168.28  
Haag Ford (Explorer Window Repairs) \$426.41  
Aurora Tire Center (Explorer Tires) \$540.00  
Chelsea Tooley (WWR Mileage) \$204.96  
Jennifer Hughes (Mileage) \$96.80  
Cardinal Office Products (Office Supplies) \$998.96  
Heather Wirth (WWR & HC Mileage) \$203.84 (Reimb. for Workshop Meals) \$28  
(Franklin Co Annual Meeting Reservation) \$9  
IDEA (2015 Dues) \$100 (4)  
HHH RC&D (HC Booth Space for Ripley Tillage Breakfast) \$50  
Rita Cutter (Mileage) \$103.84  
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)  
US Postal Service (Mailing)  
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Weisenbach (Seed Packets) \$377  
IASWCD (Supervisor & Staff Training) ? @ \$10 each  
Wal Mart (supplies)  
Cardinal Office Products (Supplies)  
Regional Conservation Council (OKI-RCC Annual Meeting Reservations) 3 @ \$20 each  
Register Publications (Legal Ad)  
Table Covers for WWR and HC Watersheds  
Rolling Pin Catering (Annual Meeting)  
HHH RC & D (Arc Map for WWR) \$100  
SIMIC (Sponsorship for Invasive Species Group) \$1000  
A&L Great Lakes (Hay sample)  
UPS (Shipping Samples)

Additional Comments – Jennifer Hughes had a Native Planting application signed. The next meeting will be March 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. There being no further business, Chair Terry Hall declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The Financial Audit was conducted by Terry Hall and John Kruse, followed by Employee Evaluations.

***Rita Cutter***

Secretary

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