



**Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District**

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**MINUTES OF THE DEARBORN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 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

EXTENSION

Mike Hornbach

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 February 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 Brad Dawson, seconded by John Kruse and carried.

Review of Annual Meeting – There were 72 in attendance. Short meeting. There were 20 responses filled out for the Updated Mailing List.

Election of Officers – Terry Hall nominated David Todd to be Chair, but David respectfully declined. John Kruse nominated Terry Hall to remain as Chair, This was seconded by David Todd and carried. Brad Dawson made a motion for David Todd to remain as Vice-Chair. This was seconded by John Kruse and carried. Brad Dawson made a motion to retain Rita Cutter as Secretary/Treasurer/Fiscal Officer. This was seconded by John Kruse and carried.

Education/Technical – Vickie Smith reported that 7 EQIP applications were funded. Four Conservation Plans were signed by the Chair. Vickie is working on a Forestry Field Day for August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Gladys Russell Park. Vickie had gotten prices for a portable speaker system for field days. After discussion, it was decided to investigate further.

Extension Report – Mike Hornbach was helping with Area FFA Judging Contest on March 10<sup>th</sup> and missed the Annual meeting. East Central FFA did well in several categories. The Grain Marketing meeting is March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Extension Office with Consolidated Grain and Barge. March 26<sup>th</sup> is PARP meeting at Zimmer Tractor, Aurora. March 24<sup>th</sup> is the Cattle Handling meeting at Cox's near Osgood from 9:30 a.m.-noon. Tree Care Workshop is March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Extension office from 6-8 pm. SEPAC Field Day is August 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Ohio River Valley Woodland Meeting is March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Sharonville Convention Center.

FFA – Steven Hall, FFA President, thanked the SWCD for the invitation to Annual Meeting. He also reported they are practicing for Livestock Judging Contests in April. Sam Willgenbush reported on Natural Resources Contest on April 11<sup>th</sup> and that 28

members participated in the Area Contests on Tuesday and did very well. Their Annual Banquet is April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Hogan Creek Watershed – Heather Wirth sent her report. She has updated all watershed websites. They have several workshops coming up and the Cover Crop Field Day is March 31<sup>st</sup> at Osgood.

Whitewater River Watershed – Heather Wirth and Chelsea Tooley sent their reports. They are preparing for workshops. Chelsea reported on the progress of the Management Plan. The draft has been sent to Kathleen and they are awaiting comments.

Rule 5/Rule 13 – Jennifer Hughes sent her report. She will be attending the MS4 annual meeting, has a Conservation Plan for Native Planting to be signed by the Chair and the BYC Workshop on March 17<sup>th</sup> on Native Plants is at capacity. Jennifer is coordinating with Mr. Johnson for Native Plant pickup at East Central High School. She is working on Leadership Academy items and a Rain Garden design.

HHH – Haven't heard anything from HHH.

ISDA – No report.

NRCS – Matt Jarvis reported on EQIP funding, Annual Meetings, and CRP re-enrollments.

Administrative - Rita Cutter sent her report. She received a call from State Board of Accounts to say they will be doing Audits soon for years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. OKI Regional Conservation Council Annual Meeting is March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Cincinnati Nature Center. Copies of Office Activities Report were distributed.

Brad Dawson asked about the Computer situation in the office, Jennifer would like a laptop for doing meeting presentations. The old watershed laptops won't run the newer programs. The board decided to wait and see what happens with current computers.

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

Chelsea Tooley (WWR Mileage) \$174.16

Heather Wirth (WWR & HC Mileage) \$241.92 (Reimb. for Ripley SWCD Ann Mtg) \$10

Vickie Smith (Mileage) \$137.28

Madison Co Council of Governments (MS4 Annual Meeting Reservation) \$65

Atlas Books (4 Forestry Books) \$102.35

Dearborn County 4-H Assn (4-H Trophy Sponsor) \$15

The Office Shop (March Copier Usage)

DC Sheriff's Dept (March Fuel Usage)

HHH RC&D (Whitewater River Watershed Payroll)

HHH RC&D (Hogan Creek Watershed Payroll)

Wal Mart (supplies)

Cardinal Office Products (Supplies)

Cardinal Office Products (HC Copier Repairs)

Treasurer of Dearborn County (Supervisor Per Diem)

WWR Projector

Indiana Department of Revenue (Audit)

Best Way Disposal (Port-a-let for HC Field Day)  
A&L Great Lakes (Soil sample)  
UPS (Shipping Samples)

Additional Comments – Heather Wirth will be doing Ag Day in Franklin County on April 9<sup>th</sup>, so won't be at the next board meeting. Vickie Smith reported that Andy Ertel agreed to be facilitator for the Business Plan update. They are renaming the Tech Teams and NRCS may be doing Contractual Agreements with Districts again this year.

The next meeting will be April 9<sup>th</sup>. There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

***Rita Cutter***

Secretary

Approved by:

<u>Shirley A. July</u>	-	<u>Suzanne Hall</u>	-
<u>John L. Luse</u>	-	<u>Bradley L. Luse</u>	-
<u>David A. Todd</u>			