



Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District

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**MINUTES OF THE DEARBORN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING OF MAY 14, 2015**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

David Todd, V-Chair

Brad Dawson

John Kruse

Marshall Alford

NOT PRESENT

Terry Hall

NRCS

Matt Jarvis

WATERSHED STAFF

Chelsea Tooley

Heather Wirth

SWCD STAFF

Rita Cutter

Jennifer Hughes

Vickie Smith

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Vice Chair David Todd at the Conservation Office. Minutes from the April meeting were approved on a motion by Brad Dawson, seconded by John Kruse and carried. The financial report was approved on a motion by Marshall Alford, seconded by John Kruse and carried. We are saddened by the sudden passing of Mike Hall, husband of Chair Terry Hall.

Green Umbrella – Jon Seymour spoke to the group about the Green Umbrella organization and asked them to consider becoming a member. There are 8 working groups under the organization and they send out 5000 Newsletters, which members can promote their projects in. Brad Dawson made a motion to join Green Umbrella at the \$100 membership fee. This was seconded by Marshall Alford and carried.

Extension Report – No report.

FFA – No report.

Rule 5/Rule 13 – Jennifer Hughes sent her report. Jennifer presented the new Memorandum of Understanding with IDEM on Rule 5 Participation by the SWCD. On a motion by Brad Dawson, seconded by John Kruse and carried, the Board approved continuing at the same level of involvement as in the past. Acting Chair Todd and Secretary Rita Cutter signed the agreement. Jennifer has placed the Native Plants order and will pick up plants next week. An application for Native Plant cost share was signed by the board allowing the landowner to sow seeds instead of the native plant plugs due to the size of the planting. This was approved on a motion by John Kruse, seconded by Brad Dawson and carried. HVL members attended the MS4 annual meeting with Jennifer. They will have their audit in September. IDEM will not be releasing the new MS4s until January.

HHH – Nothing to report.

ISDA – No report.

NRCS – Matt Jarvis reported on the increase in 1026s coming from FSA as they are needed for producers wanting to get crop insurance. Deadline is June 1st. They are working with the landlord on a Pollinator Plot outside the office building. The seed will

cost around \$200. The board approved purchasing the seed up to \$225 on a motion by John Kruse, seconded by Marshall Alford, and carried. This would be the site for the CWI demo site and an Open House. At their last Area Meeting, NRCS is working with IASWCD to award Contribution Agreements for 9 Program Support Specialists to work in multiple counties, 1/3 to 1/2 of their time on document preparation for Producer Document Management System, where they can look at their own files online. He asked the board to consider this as some staff may apply for this. Tillage Transects will be done the first part of June.

Hogan Creek Watershed – Heather Wirth sent her report. She has all the \$200,000 cost share funding allocated to 8 farmers and there are several more on a waiting list. She will be doing a newsletter.

Whitewater River Watershed – Heather Wirth and Chelsea Tooley sent their reports. Chelsea distributed a progress report to those present. The next Steering Committee meeting is on May 27th. They will be doing a newsletter. 319 Grant Solicitation Letters are due by June 1st and the application for Implementation Grant is due Sept 1st. After discussion, the Board advised Heather to file the letter of intent on a motion by Brad Dawson, seconded by John Kruse and carried. Chelsea reported that the EC FFA cleaned up 2.62 miles around the school.

Education/Technical – Vickie Smith sent her report. She will be working on the Pollinator Plot at the office and off some to do hay. The cover crops will be planted at Marshall Alford's behind the barn in August in preparation for a November Field Day. Andy Ertel has retired from NRCS and works for the Jennings Co SWCD, so he will still facilitate updating the SWCD Business Plan.

Administrative - Rita Cutter sent her report. The District received the signed Clean Water Indiana grant agreement and Rita sent the claim voucher to receive the \$10,000. Personnel issued were discussed.

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

UPS – (Shipping Soil Samples) \$10.19
Vickie Smith (Mileage) \$130.24
Heather Wirth (WWR & HC Mileage) \$314.16
Jennifer Hughes (Mileage) \$27.28
Chelsea Tooley (WWR Mileage) \$379.68
Gene Kritsky (Speaker Fee for BYC Bee Workshop) \$50
Roundtree Native Seed (Seed for pollinators) \$207.15
National Pen Company (750 pens with stylus tip) \$420.00
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)
A&L Great Lakes (Soil sample)

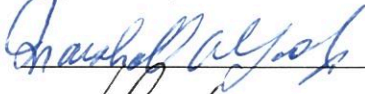

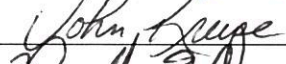

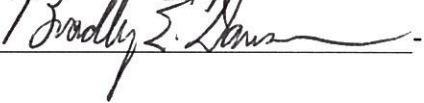
UPS (Shipping Samples)
2 US Postal Service (Postage)
2 Hogan Creek Cost Share
Modern Printing Solutions (Note pads) \$627
Modern Printing Solutions (Cutting Card Stock to Postcards)
Green Umbrella (Membership 2015) \$100

Additional Comments – Matt Jarvis reported that he has not received an estimate from the contractor that the landlord sent out to measure for the counter in the office. The next meeting will be June 11. There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Rita Cutter

Secretary

Approved by:

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