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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 JUNE 11, 2015**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Terry Hall, Chair  
Brad Dawson  
John Kruse  
Marshall Alford  
David Todd  
Randy Ickenroth, ASSOCIATE

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 Chair Terry Hall at the Conservation Office. Minutes from the May meeting were approved on a motion by Marshall Alford, seconded by John Kruse and carried. The financial report was approved on a motion by John Kruse, seconded by David Todd and carried. The 2016 budget will be discussed after all reports.

Education/Technician Report – Vickie Smith sent her report. The hydraulic hose on the Drill broke and is at Zimmer Tractor being fixed. Vickie also ordered a new jack, as the current one is bent. The Board recommended getting a heaver jack. Matt Jarvis will be working on the Water Quality Trading program. EPRI will be doing another round of cost share with the focus on Forestry, particularly tree planting. The Pollinator Plot was planted and is coming up. There will be a CWI workshop at the site. Marshall Alford asked about the big problem with Poison Hemlock. Vickie said they inform the public at any meeting or workshop that is held.

Extension Report – Mike Hornbach sent the flyer for the SEPAC meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup>.  
FFA – No report.

Hogan Creek Watershed – Heather Wirth sent her report. She is working on the quarterly report due the end of June.

Whitewater River Watershed – Heather Wirth and Chelsea Tooley sent their reports. The critical areas and goals of the management plan draft will need to be finalized by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> in order to submit the application for a 319 Implementation Grant. The Board approved Chelsea Tooley to continue the WWR project to its end on a motion by Brad Dawson and seconded by John Kruse. Motion carried.

Rule 5/Rule 13 – Jennifer Hughes sent her report. She had a Conservation Plan for the Chair to sign. Seven people attended the CWI Rain Garden Workshop in Switzerland County. In the future, it needs to be posted that your photo may be used for educational and promotional purposes at events. Jennifer requested to attend the Leadership Institute program Aug 28-29 at Fair Oaks Farms. David Todd would also like to attend.

NRCS – Matt Jarvis reported that the Tillage Transects were completed for Dearborn, Ohio and Switzerland Counties. He received a cost estimate on the counter for the NRCS/SWCD office. It is \$1300. He is working with the NRCS AC Darrell Nicholson to make sure it is ADA compliant. There needs to be an outside working water hydrant. NRCS/SWCD request repainting their office. The FAC committee will be addressing these issues later today. Information on the Bird Flu has been sent out. Brad explained how Dearborn County 4-H is handling the birds' projects for the fair. The Fair is June 22-27.

Administrative - Rita Cutter sent her report. Supervisor Chair and Vice-Chair Summit will be August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. Office activity report was sent out. State Board of Accounts examiner will be coming today to start reviewing the records starting with 2010 until 2014. Hopefully he can finish up next Tuesday or Wednesday. Members of the ICP partnership will be visiting all SWCDs in 2015 and 2016. Dearborn County received their letter yesterday requesting a visit at the July, August or September Board meeting. At the August meeting they will be working on updating the Business Plan. Rita submitted her Retirement Request with her last day being July 10<sup>th</sup>.

2016 Budget Request – The budget request was discussed. The board will ask for what they asked for in 2015 on the items we are close to being over budget on, increasing dues and copier agreement, on a motion by Brad Dawson, seconded by Marshall Alford and carried. Board members signed the budget request.

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

Chelsea Tooley (WWR Mileage) \$171.92  
Heather Wirth (WWR & HC Mileage) \$157.92  
Jennifer Hughes (Mileage) \$111.76  
The Office Shop (June Copier Usage)  
DC Sheriff's Dept (June Fuel Usage)  
HHH RC&D (Whitewater River Watershed Rent) \$300  
HHH RC&D (Whitewater River Watershed Payroll)  
HHH RC&D (Hogan Creek Watershed Payroll)  
Wal Mart (Supplies)  
Cardinal Office Products (Supplies)  
2 Hogan Creek Cost Share  
Modern Printing Solutions (Printing Forestry Field Day Flyers)  
Copperhead Excavating (WWR Sign Installation)  
3 BYC Cost Share  
2 CWI Cost Share  
Treasurer of Dearborn County (Supervisor Per Diem)  
Zimmer Tractor (Drill Repairs)  
HHH (Leadership Institute) 2 @ \$250

Additional Comments – Brad distributed flyers for the Fair and invited everyone to attend. Jennifer Hughes will be on vacation next week. Rita Cutter will be on vacation the following week. The board will remain after the meeting to discuss filling the District

Coordinator position. Matt Jarvis has additional information on the federal background check for any new employee.

The next meeting will be July 9. There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

***Rita Cutter***

Secretary

Approved by:

<u>John Luse</u>	-	<u>Terese Hall</u>	-
<u>Marshall Reynolds</u>	-	_____	-
<u>David A. Ladd</u>	-		

