



Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES OF THE DEARBORN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 21, 2016

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

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

NRCS

Matt Jarvis

WATERSHED STAFF

Heather Wirth

FFA

Zach Kolb

SWCD STAFF

Vickie Smith
Jennifer Hughes
Mary Booker

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chair Terry Hall at the Conservation Office. Minutes from the last meeting were approved on a motion by John Kruse and seconded by David Todd and carried. The financial report was approved on a motion by Brad Dawson and seconded by Marshall Alford and carried. The voucher listing was approved by a motion by Brad Dawson and seconded by John Kruse and carried.

Educational/Technical – Vickie Smith sent her report. Vickie requested full color on the first and last page of the annual report. The flyer will be \$1248.75 last year's printing was \$951.00 for 2 colors. Motion made by John Kruse seconded by David Todd to have the flyers printed front and back in color, motion carried. Zimmer will be fixing the drill.

Extension – No report.

FFA – Not a lot to report. National FFA week is in February. District contest will be in March.

Hogan Creek Watershed – Heather Wirth sent her report. Hogan Creek contract has another 2 years. All cost share for Hogan Creek is allocated. Jeff Meinders wants to have a field day on his farm early fall.

Whitewater River Watershed – Heather Wirth sent her report. Will be sending a newsletter out in the next couple of weeks. Whitewater contract has another year. All in-kind has been met for Whitewater.

Rule5/Rule13 – Jennifer Hughes sent her report. Finished the CWI grant and sent final report. Worked on annual plan of work. Presented the hard copy.

ISDA – Mark Thomas not present.

NRCS – Matt Jarvis reported the no till breakfast at Ripley Co will be March 10th. ISDA is gathering data and trying to get the conservation partners to share the data and make information more available. Indiana ranks 2 in cover crops. Cover crops are good but the 40% cannot be attained here. If waters in the US passes we may need a permit to do any practices. Switzerland County may apply for CWI Grant and administer for all 3 counties – Dearborn, Ohio, and Switzerland to deal with the livestock programs where there is no 319 watershed funds. Client Gateway you will have to fill out a form to get your email in system. Only individuals can be entered at this time no entities.

Business Plan – Plan completed and the past accomplishments were added.

Administrative Issues – Mary Booker gave her report. The explorer was taken to Elders and it needs a lot of repairs. The vehicles need evaluated to see if replacements are needed. The computer that has the Quickbooks program on it is really bad. It can't be used for anything but entering the data. If I want to run a report I have to transfer it to a memory stick and put it to another system. A motion was made by Brad Dawson and seconded by Marshall Alford to purchase a new computer for up to \$1000.00, motion carried. The plotter repairs will be taken care of today and the other copier/printer fixed also.

Additional Comments – Tree giveaway was discussed the final decision on the process to handle the advertising was left to the staff. Brad Dawson made a motion to up the amount of tree purchase to \$500.00 and let the staff handle any other details. Seconded by Marshall Alford and carried.

Next meeting will be March 17, 2016 following the annual meeting at Dearborn Adult Center. There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 9:55AM by motion by Brad Dawson and seconded by John Kruse and carried.

Mary Booker
Secretary

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