



Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District

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**MINUTES OF THE DEARBORN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON February 11, 2016**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Terry Hall, Chair

David Todd

Marshall Alford

John Kruse

Brad Dawson – not present

ASSOCIATE SUPERVISOR

Eric Callahan

NRCS

Matt Jarvis

WATERSHED STAFF

Heather Wirth

ISDA

Mark Thomas

GUEST

Mr. Callahan

SWCD STAFF

Vickie Smith

Jennifer Hughes

Mary Booker

FFA

Robyn Shumate

Zach Kolb

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM by Chair Terry Hall at the Conservation Office. Minutes from the last meeting were approved on a motion by Marshall Alford and seconded by John Kruse and carried. The financial report was approved on a motion by Marshall Alford and seconded by David Todd and carried. The voucher listing was approved by a motion by David Todd and seconded by John Kruse and carried.

Educational/Technical – Vickie Smith sent her report. Zimmer is fixing the drill. The cost will be \$300.00 plus. The clutch is being fixed, the drive chains are wore out, and the hoses are being moved to the correct position. The drive chains are going to be an additional \$280.00. Annual meeting flyers are at the printers. The field day in Ohio Co is going to be where there is ongoing project that have been done. Permitting Workshop went OK. Had about 60 people in attendance. At the annual meeting Friend of Conservation will be given to Chuck Johnson. Rita Cutter will be recognized for her years of service.

Extension – No report.

FFA – Not a lot to report. National FFA week is in February starts 22nd. Officer interviews will be today. District contest will be March 8.

Hogan Creek Watershed – Heather Wirth sent her report. Jeff Meinders wants to have a field day on his farm early fall he is trying to change the date .CCSI sampling for the year has talked about hiring a consultant to do the sampling. They are talking about doing 6 different farms. That would be 2 more than last year. The program could be 3 more years. The tree give away will be on April 5th and a motion by John Kruse and seconded by David Todd to purchase 900 flowering dogwood trees at 3 per person was made, motion carried. A newsletter will be going out.

Whitewater River Watershed – Heather Wirth sent her report. March 12th is the tillage breakfast in Franklin County. A newsletter will be going out.

Rule5/Rule13 – Jennifer Hughes sent her report. Rule 13 MS Coordinator resigned and they are waiting for the position to be filled. The Backyard Conservation will be having a sustainable workshop with the Purdue Master Gardeners at the Lawrenceburg Public Library again this year. The ECHS FFA will build a cold frame for the grand prize to be given away at the end of the program. A bulk mailing will be sent out to advertise the workshop. John Kruse made a motion for \$900.00 for the bulk mailing and printing and Marshall Alford seconded motion carried. The Bright 74 advisory committee will meet on the 17th of February at ECHS for comments about what is needed. They will also set up a table at our annual meeting.

ISDA – Mark Thomas discussed water quality training. There is a program in the works to plant trees. CCSI had money for pads and seeding and now they want to take crop land and plant trees.

NRCS – Matt Jarvis reported the no till breakfast at Ripley Co will be March 10th. Pasture walk in May near Bear Branch in Ohio County. It will be around the 23rd of May. The walk will discuss the species in the pasture as to what you have and what you should have. On EQIP applications we have 14 in Dearborn, 10 in Ohio, and 8 in Switzerland. Working toward planting species that are not killed by frost.

Annual Meeting – The speaker, caterer, and hall are ready to go.

Election Committee – Nothing to report at this time. Brad Dawson is due for reappointment to the Board. A motion was made by John Kruse and seconded by Marshall Alford to nominate Brad Dawson as for a 3 year term, motion carried.

Administrative Issues – Mary Booker gave her report. Looking at computer to replace the Dell computer. Also will need to replace the Quick Books program because it is a 2006 program. A battery was put in the Explorer. I will have one put in the Jeep. The bond is taken care of.

Additional Comments –

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 9:45 AM by a motion by John Kruse and seconded by David Todd and carried.

Mary Booker
Secretary

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