



Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
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Thursday, October 6th, 2022 @ 3:35 pm
SWCD Office: Jasper USDA Service Center

Present: Brenda Sermersheim, Chair
Glenn Goepfner, Vice Chair
Andrew Helming, Member
Arlene Fleck, Member
Samantha Dame, NRCS Acting District Conservationist
Judi Brown, SWCD Executive Director
Justin Bary, SWCD Resource Specialist
Jessica Condra, SWCD Administrative Assistant

AGENDA

Sermersheim asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Brown added a letter under Stormwater.

MINUTES

Sermersheim asked for a motion to approve the September SWCD Meeting minutes as presented. A motion was heard and seconded to approve the minutes. (Goepfner/Fleck) The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Condra reviewed the September Financial Report. A motion was heard and seconded to approve the Financial Report. (Helming/Fleck) The motion carried unanimously. Next Condra reviewed the register of claims to be paid. A motion was heard and seconded to approve the claims. (Fleck/Goepfner) The motion carried unanimously.

Condra stated the 3-page Internal Controls Report for September balanced and the supervisors approved and signed.

STORMWATER

Bary reported that there are 81 status review checks to complete for CRP by December 31st.

Brown read a letter thanking the SWCD for our sponsorship of the 2022 Patoka Clean Up.

LSI

A report was distributed providing an update on LSI. Bary reported that they have seeded rye at 30-35lbs per acre in fields 7, 5 and 2. He expect to finish planting next week. They are planting into standing summer covers which are over 9ft tall.

Goepfner reported that the harvest went well. They averaged 162 on field 1 and 172 on field 2 with moisture measuring 15-17. We should get 6.24 for the corn. He noted that we had good weed control this year.

Brown reported that she and Melissa Ruschau are working on a fall field event. They want to highlight the large amount of bio mass and are working on getting Adam Daugherty as a speaker.

RENTAL EQUIPMENT

Bary reported that part of the no-till drill hydraulics sheared off while planting LSI last week. Alan Smock has obtained the parts and is working on fixing it. This should be back up and running by early next week.

COVER CROP COST SHARE

Bary distributed a spreadsheet showing the ranking of applicants. We had a couple applicants who are new to cover crops and a few who have never sought funding from the SWCD. Currently we are \$1,333.80 over the \$15,000 allotted to Dubois County. Bary will contact TNC to see if there are more funds available. If none of the applicants drop out and we do not receive any further funding, then the board will decide if they want to fund the overage at a later date.

SOIL JUDGING

Brown reported that the Dubois SWCD soil judging invitational was cancelled due to biosolids being spread across the site. The board agreed to not award the golden shovel in 2022 due to no contest. Congratulations were expressed to the teams from Jasper High School and Forest Park for advancing to the state soil judging contest.

INVASIVE

Finch's monthly activity report was e-mailed out to the supervisors. Copies of her new cut stump information card were distributed.

CWI HUAP

Bary reported that he has a couple of new applications out which will be added to the growing wait list. All but \$367.82 of the grant has been allocated for projects. Brown noted that \$500 from the grant was noted as educational expense. These funds were used for the Greener Pastures Field Day, as a result if all projects are fully funded we will have spent more than what the grant was for.

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Brown distributed fliers for a Forestry Field Tour October 8th as well as the IFWOA conference scheduled for November 4th-5th.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting is scheduled for February 14th with a rain date of February 16th. Kent Yeager is committed to speak on preserving historic barns in Dubois County. They also discussed the possibility of Yeager leading a Dubois County barn tour in fall 2023. She is still looking for a location. The board agreed to increase the cost of the meal to \$10 per person and to ask for sponsors.

REPORTS

Supervisor Reports – Sermersheim discussed the District Supervisor Staff Training.

Staff Reports - Staff Reports were sent out via e-mail.

Partner Reports: NRCS - Dame reviewed the DC Talking Points which were distributed.

OTHER BUSINESS

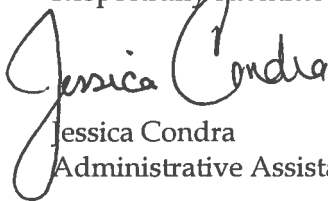
Brown reported that Earth Team Volunteer hours were submitted totaling 169.50 from Bart Pitstick, Alan Smock and the ISAC volunteers.

Brown reported that the IASWCD Annual Conference has been scheduled for January 8-10, 2023 in Indianapolis. The early bird registration ends November 16th and the cost is \$350 per person. If we register after that date the cost will be \$405 per person. Hotel rooms are additional. If any of the supervisors want to attend the application deadline for scholarships to cover their cost is November 11th. A motion was heard and seconded to approve the cost of early bird registration for SWCD staff. (*Helming/Fleck*) The motion carried unanimously.

Brown distributed save the date cards for the Ag Summit scheduled for November 10th at the CTIM building at LSI. Registration is required to provide an accurate account for the boxed lunches.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38pm. The next two meetings are scheduled for November 3rd and December 8th.

Respectfully submitted,


Jessica Condra
Administrative Assistant

Approved on: November 3, 2022
