



Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
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Tuesday, February 14th, 2023 @ 8:59 pm
Participants met in person at the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center.

Present: Brenda Sermersheim, Chair
Glenn Goepfner, Vice Chair
Pat Eckerle, Member
Andrew Helming, Member
Arlene Fleck, Member
Judi Brown, Associates Supervisor

Jessica Condra, SWCD Administrative Assistant
Justin Bary, SWCD Resource Specialist
Melissa Ruschau, SWCD Resource Specialist
Emily Finch, CWI Invasive Species Grant Specialist
Laura Fribley, ISDA District Support Specialist
Andrea Gogel, ISDA
Bradley Hoffman, FSA

ELECTION

Condra opened the meeting and after roll call was taken opened the floor for nomination of Chair. A motion was heard and seconded to nominate Sermersheim for re-election. (*Goepfner/Helming*). The motion carried unanimously.

Sermersheim asked for nominations for Vice Chair. A motion was heard and seconded to nominate Goepfner. (*Eckerle/Fleck*) The motion carried unanimously.

Sermersheim asked for nominations for Treasurer. A motion was heard and seconded to name Fleck as Treasurer. (*Goepfner/Helming*) The motion carried unanimously. Condra will train Fleck on Quickbooks and SWCD financials so that she can work as a backup.

ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW

Condra noted that she will provide a final attendee count and financial report at the March meeting.

There was a consensus that the meeting was well received. The only problems were having to speak directly into the microphone and inconsistencies with the HVAC in the building.

Possible suggestions for future annual meetings included: stickers on programs for centerpiece gifts, door prizes, more visible placement of the annual report, having the FFA students give a speech about their activities.

WEED BOARD

Sermersheim stated that we needed a SWCD Supervisor to represent the SWCD on the Weed Board for 2023. Eckerle volunteered to continue in the role.

CWI PRODUCER APPLICATION

Finch reviewed updates to the producer application discussed at the previous meeting. Additional changes made were to increase the cost share for pasture/hayfields from 50% to 75%, to keep it consistent across the application. It was agreed to lower the maximum per producer to \$3,000 and to collect application and rank them before agreeing to funding. The deadline for applications will be before the June meeting with ranking taking place at that

meeting. Condra will create a press release and e-mail to the board for approval before promoting the grant.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

The credit card policy will be reviewed at the March meeting.

With the retirement of Brown, the board reviewed the SWCD bank signature card. Currently Brown, Condra, and Eckerle are the only ones authorized to sign. A motion was heard and seconded to add Helming and Fleck as signatories on the account. (Eckerle/Goepfner) The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

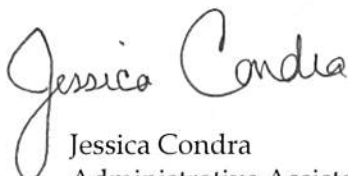
There were no supervisor reports.

There were no staff reports.

PARTNER: Fribley reported that the Governor's proposed budget asks for an increase in funding to SWCDs from \$10,000 annually to \$20,000. We expect to know if this is approved in May. Fribley also ask for the board to think about what training is currently offered for members and what other training might be beneficial, and either call or e-mail her with their thoughts.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2nd, 4:30pm at the Jasper USDA Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,


Jessica Condra
Administrative Assistant

Approved on: March 2, 2023



