



Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
1486 Executive Blvd., Suite A, Jasper, IN 47546
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Thursday, May 5th, 2022 @ 4:15 pm
Jasper USDA Service Center Conference Room

Present: Brenda Sermersheim, Chair
Glenn Goepfner, Vice Chair
Pat Eckerle, Member
Andrew Helming, Member
Arlene Fleck, Member
Mike Kluesner, County Council
Elmer Brames, County Commissioner

Judi Brown, SWCD Director
Melissa Ruschau, SWCD LSI Technician
Justin Bary, SWCD Resource Specialist
Jessica Condra, SWCD Administrative Assistant
Emily Finch, CWI Invasive Species Grant Specialist
Emily Kelly, NRCS District Conservationist
Dennis Tedrow

The meeting began with introductions for the benefit of Brames and Kluesner.

AGENDA

Sermersheim asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

NRCS

Kelly reviewed the civil rights information. Once completed Sermersheim signed the paperwork noting that it was completed. Kelly reviewed the DC Talking Points.

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Condra reviewed the April Financial Report. A motion was heard and seconded to approve the Financial Report. (*Helming/Eckerle*) 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 April balanced and the supervisors approved and signed.

Kelly left the meeting at 4:26pm.

AD BUDGET

Brown asked for the board to authorize the purchase of an ad in the 4-H Fair Brochure at a cost of \$695. A motion was heard and seconded to approve the ad purchase. (*Helming/Fleck*) The motion carried unanimously.

CRP

Bary reported that he will start status reviews next week.

LSI

Ruschau reported that pot ash has been applied to the fields and disking on the tilled strip completed. Covers look great and planting is expected to take place next Tuesday.

RIVER FRIENDLY

Bary presented a list of names to nominate. The board decided to nominate Balsey Haven & Darryl Auffart with Tom Haase as a backup should one of them decline. If both accept then Haase will be nominated in 2023.

SITE VISIT RECOMMENDATION

Bary discussed a site visit he completed along with a follow up e-mail he received. The board agreed to not put anything in writing for the property owners' lawyer as we are not regulatory and only provide advice.

INVASIVE

Finch reported that there has been a lot of positive response to the poison hemlock outreach. Brown discussed a complaint letter about poison hemlock.

The next ISAC meeting will be Monday, May 9th at 6pm.

BURN TOUR

Brown stated that the burn tour was very successful, and they had a good turnout.

ENVIROTHON

Brown reviewed the results. It was a good contest. Brown stated that Julie Loehr is going to get involved with the local teams for future training.

SOLAR PARK

Brown reported that Alex Hohl from the County Council brought people by from EDP Renewables who are building a solar park in the county. Brames stated that there is no planning, zoning, regulations locally regarding solar parks. He stated that the Commissioners have been discussing a resolution to state that Dubois County is Solar Ready. If this passes it will support the laws and policies passed at the state level within Dubois County.

Dennis Tedrow arrived at 4:53pm.

Brown asked if the board wants to provide input on SWCD involvement with the solar park. The board decided that the SWCD will stay neutral regarding both the solar park and the midstate corridor.

RECORDS REQUEST

Brown passed out a form to review regarding records request. This has been tabled to the next meeting.

REPORTS

Partner Reports – There were no partner reports.

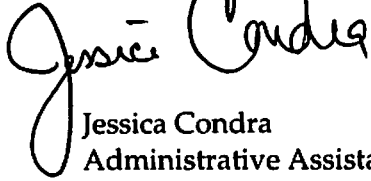
Supervisor Reports - There were no supervisor reports.

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

Brames asked how the NRCS DC and SWCD operated together in the office. Brown provided an explanation of how the office operates.

The meeting adjourned at 5:02pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2nd. This will depend on planting.

Respectfully submitted,


Jessica Condra
Administrative Assistant

Approved on: July 7 2022
Patrick Eberle
Andrew Hehn
Greene A. Flick
Bruce L. Llewellyn
Blenn Joepson