



Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting  
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Thursday, August 4th, 2022 @ 4:33 pm  
Jasper High School Community Room

**Present:** Brenda Sermersheim, Chair  
Glenn Goepfner, Vice Chair  
Pat Eckerle, Member  
Andrew Helming, Member  
Arlene Fleck, Member  
Larencia Williams, NRCS Acting District Conservationist

Justin Bary, SWCD Resource Specialist  
Melissa Ruschau, Resource Specialist  
Jessica Condra, SWCD Administrative Assistant  
Emily Finch, CWI Invasive Species Grant Specialist  
Kenny Eck, Purdue Extension

### AGENDA

Sermersheim asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

### MINUTES

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

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

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

### CRP

Bary reported that the July deadline was met for the 58s and he is working on the 57's due in September as well as the status reviews which are due in August.

### LSI

Ruschau reported that the corn at LSI is in milk stage and that there are very little disease and insects present. The fields are clean under the crops with residue beading down well. They are manually terminating cockleburs where they were unable to spray.

### RENTAL EQUIPMENT

Condra provided an update from Duane Hopf regarding the No-Till Seeder repairs. He and Hopf Equipment are working on getting the repairs processed through the warranty. They have ordered the parts and waiting for their arrival before completion. Eckerle stated that we should have them go ahead have Hopf Equipment to weld a bolt in place so that the seeder cannot be set on the most intense setting. All agreed and Condra will communicate that to them.

## INVASIVE

Finch discussed her CWI 6 month report which was e-mailed to the supervisors. She reported that the Prairie Walk event was a success with 42 people in attendance. Finch mentioned that a pollinator workshop like the invasive workshop could be a great opportunity and she will discuss this further with Judi Brown upon her return.

## 4-H

Condra reported that the office received good feedback from the events with individuals already following up with the office to continue the discussion or sign up for an event. Sermersheim said that the evening she worked was well attended with a steady stream and good interest in the booth.

## CWI HUAP

Bary is working on designs and noted that most of the money has been allocated with a backup list started.

## BUDGET MEETING

Sermersheim and Fleck will present the budget to the county council Monday, August 8, 2022.

## IDEA CONFERENCE

Condra requested approval for conference registration and hotel rooms for SWCD staff to attend the Fall IDEA Conference. \$130 per person plus \$10 for excursion fees and \$96 per night for each staff member to have their own room. For four people it would be \$560 for event registration and \$768 for hotel rooms, total \$1,328. A motion was heard and seconded to approve conference registration and hotel registration totaling \$1,328. (*Goepfner/Helming*) The motion carried unanimously.

## EVENTS

Condra provided an update on upcoming events. The Soil Health Expo registration deadline is August 5<sup>th</sup> and there are currently 85 individuals registered. The Greener Pastures registration deadline is August 16<sup>th</sup> with 12 people currently registered. The Invasive Control training's registration deadline is September 2<sup>nd</sup> with 6 people currently registered.

## REPORTS

### **Partner Reports**

**NRCS:** Introductions were made by those present to welcome the Acting District Conservationist Larencia Williams. Williams presented a soil health power point.

**Purdue:** Eck reported on upcoming Purdue Extension workshops.

**Supervisor Reports** - There were no supervisor reports.

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

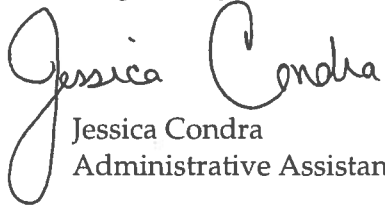
## OTHER BUSINESS

Condra reported that Sermersheims' term is coming to an end this year and that in October an election committee needs to be formed, the committee names are due November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Condra also made note that the Dubois County SWCD Soil Judging Invitational is generally held in September, excluding Helming and Fleck if any of the board members have a location in mind please reach out to the office. She will discuss further with Judi Brown upon her return.

The meeting adjourned at 5:26pm. The next meeting is scheduled for September 1<sup>st</sup> with EQIP Local Ranking to take place prior to the meeting. It was agreed upon that Helming will reserve the Jasper High School Community Room in the event that COVID numbers are still high and the meeting cannot take place at the SWCD office.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jessica Condra  
Administrative Assistant

Approved on: 9/1/22  
