

**SCOTT COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, June 21, 2018, 7:00 PM

Present: John Hardin, Dan Smith, Matt Oberlies, Jeff McNeely, Susan Knowles, Jennifer Kipper, Ed Roll and Linda Jackson.

Called to Order by John Hardin at 7:00pm.

Minutes from the May 17, 2018 Board Meeting were approved as written by Matt's motion and Dan's second. Motion carried.

Business Plan Priority Actions

Drainage & Flooding – Follow-up Workshop with Drainage Board

Soil Health & Water Quality- Promote CRP with workshop

Forestry & Wildlife – Promote WRE (Wetland Reserve Easement)

Pasture and Hay Land –Promote EQIP, BMPs and proper fertilization; applications for the CWI 2016 grant; Pasture Walk August 7

Farmland Conservation & Preservation

Monthly Business

CWI 2016 –Three practices have been completed and their cost-share has been figured for their checks through the District treasury. Linda contacted one of the participants who had applied for the Forage/Biomass bmp. He stated the bmp would not be finished and to allocate his cost-share funds to another applicant. A few producers have taken new applications and it will be determined as to which one will be funded.

Rule 5 – Ed Roll reported on the recent Rule 5 applications for Scott County. The two most recent NOIs are the Stucker Fork Water Main relocation along S.R. 256 near Austin and the Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company Underwood Siding Project. He is continuing to monitor the Scottsburg Plaza, Popeye's Restaurant site, and the Future Development site.

"New & Beginning Farmer" workshop and CRP "mid contract management" workshop – More information and dates to come. Bob will be discussing the "Farmer" workshop at the next FAC meeting on June 29. Linda is working with Shannon, Jennifer and Stephanie on the "Management" workshop.

INfield Advantage program – Linda has been contacting past participants. We have 2 returning and one new participant. Mike Johnson has contacted the 5 Clark Co. participants. The field maps have been made and emailed to Meg Leader. Linda is continuing to work on the Field Enrollment Forms and entering each field's nitrogen application.

Pasture Walk 2018 – The SWCD will be partnering with Purdue Ext. on August 7 at John McNeely's farm. Matt moved we provide light refreshments for participants. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Scott County Fair Booth – The SWCD will have a display at the Farm Bureau - Ag Heritage building this year. Linda volunteered the District to be in the building on Thursday, July 12. The Board meeting will be held at the Fair building. We will have cover crop samples in their "revamped" tube display courtesy of Fred & Linda. Jeff moved to pay Linda for the supplies needed to refurbish the display. Linda has ordered some supplies from the NRCS Distribution Center on Mighty Mini Microbe stand-up photo opportunity with coloring books and a free educational display from the Indiana Corn & Soy. The Board paid the 2018 promotional fee to the Fair Board for the SWCD sign space on the fair building.

QuickBooks workshop – Linda attended the workshop at the Jackson Co. Library on June 13 with leader Denise Schroeder.

Grants Management workshop- Linda and Jennifer attended the workshop at the Muscatatuck Wildlife Refuge on June 7. Linda is hoping to apply for a Livestock Practices/Cover Crops Clean Water Indiana grant for 2019. The Board has given their permission for Linda to attend the July 10 Grant Writing "Free" workshop at Ivy Tech, Bloomington. Any grant applications will be due in September.

State Board of Accounts - The State Board of Accounts has issued instructions for the District Treasurer to submit monthly the bank reconciliation, approved board minutes, and funds ledger detailing receipts and disbursements by fund. Annually, the District Treasurer will submit: year-end bank statements, year-end outstanding check list, year-end investment statement, detail of receipts & disbursements for the year, salary ordinance, employee earnings record, and annual vendor history report. This is to provide the auditors real-time remote audit procedures, less time spent on-site (audit cost savings), and early detection of potential audit issues for financial accountability.

County budget allowance - The County has given the Board \$5000.00 for their yearly allowance.

Annual Meeting 2019 – Conversation centered around choices for the 2019 annual meeting speaker. Linda will contact for more information, fee and date availability.

REPORTS

Jennifer Kipper, NRCS, submitted her report in the supervisor folders. The new State Conservationist will be seated by July 23. A reminder that the WRE deadline is August 17 to submit for 2019. Some CRP contracts expire on Sept. 30. One of the Compliance Status Reviews points discussed was Ephemeral gullies which are required to be treated. She mentioned later this summer more information on the Local Working Group will be available and we can then think about date and time for the meeting. Linda Jackson, SWCD, submitted her Summary of Activities to the Board, the Profit & Loss Detail for Jan.1 – June 21. She reminded the Board that the SE Region Meeting will be August 22 at the Jennings Education and Training Center, 4-8 p.m. No Mileage report given.

There were no representatives at the board meeting from ISDA or FFA.

Financial Report -The financial records, reconciliation report, claims and check #'s 2072-2081 were presented. Motion was made to approve the claims and checks as submitted by Jeff and seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

ADJOURN - The motion to adjourn was made by Matt and seconded by Dan. Motion carried. The meeting was closed at 7:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Jackson, SWCD District Coordinator

John Hardin, Chairperson

Pat Larr, Vice-Chairperson

Jeff McNeely, Treasurer

Dan Smith, Supervisor

Matt Oberlies, Supervisor

Date