

MINUTES
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
June 3, 2014
Camp Atterbury
Old Hospital Road
Edinburgh, IN 46124

Members in Attendance:

Scott Ham
Bob Eddleman
Nola Gentry
Warren Baird

Meg Leader, ISDA
Nathan Stoelting, ISDA
Jordan Seger, ISDA
Jim Woody, ISDA
Greg Biberdorf, DNR-DFW-LARE
Charles Calvert
Jane Hardisty, NRCS
Sheryl Vaughn
Jennifer Boyle Warner, IASWCD
Jason Kischton, FSA
Cress Hizer, SWCD

Others in Attendance:

Jennifer Pinkston, ISDA
Laura Fribley, ISDA
Tara Henry, ISDA
Geneva Tyler, ISDA
Gaye Caplinger, ISDA
Deb Fairhurst, ISDA

I. 9:30 AM: Call to Order

Scott Ham introduced Andrew Wells, Watershed Specialist as our guide when touring the post after the meeting. Scott also gave instructions on the tour procedures.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag and prayer led by Scott Ham

II. Draft Minutes of March 10, 2014

Nola Gentry moved to approve; Bob Eddleman second. Motion passed.

III. Clean Water Indiana

- a. Clean Water Indiana Grants Report – Jen Pinkston (See Attachments)
3 year grants are working much better than the 1 year grants
- b. Howard County requested \$1000.00 of 2012 CWI funds to be used for adult education. They did not request any money for adult education originally. Warren motioned; Nola second. Motion passed.

IV. Soil and Water Conservation Districts

- a. Cass County SWCD – Geneva Tyler
Would like to have a new member. Nola motioned; Bob second. Motion passed.
- b. Porter County member passed away and they are requesting a new member. Scott questioned conflict of interest with this person since they had been on the board before. Bob motioned; Nola second. Motion passed.
- c. Franklin County SWCD – Tara Henry
Resignation – Nola motioned; Warren second. Motion passed.

V. State Soil Conservation Board Reports

- a. Scott will be meeting on June 5th with association and Jordan in Indianapolis on future funding and goals for the division. Has met with a few districts and offered to visit other districts. Wants to speak as an annual speaker at other districts, representing the Board.

VI. ISDA Updates

- a. **Technical Report** – Jim Woody/Deb Fairhurst

Jim and Deb have put together a list of Resource Specialist Activities (See Attachment)

Technical Assistance CCP – there is 1 project dependent on Federal dollars. Jordan is working with OMB and Ted McKinney on KPI for how agencies are accountable. Our KPI has to do with load reduction. Set a goal of 20080 million lbs. and OMB is pleased. With this KPI we are able to take ownership.

- b. **Agriculture Affairs Update** – Meg Leader (See Attachment)

On Farm Network – Groups for 2014 has been capped at 25. The new groups will be in Lawrence, Clay, Fulton, Porter, Noble and Fountain/Warren Counties. Whitley County has added a second OFN group and the Eagle Creek group will be active.

All groups have their registration paperwork and are busy registering fields. We have set a goal of having all fields registered by June 16.

Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative - I spoke at the Advance Cropping Systems workshops on March 17, 19 and 20

Red Gold Environmental Stewardship Program - We received 36 Stewardship Applications, which we are in the middle of scoring. This is nearly a twice the number previously received

- c. **Accountability and Technology** – Deb Fairhurst (See Attachment)

DNR will be losing 36 staff members due to retirement and will not be able to conduct the Region 5 Model analysis and CSP practices.

DNR's Lake and River Enhancement Program is utilizing the Division SharePoint database.

In the past week the 2013 portion of ISP reports are done, lots of success stories. News release on Friday, and working on 100 percent from the counties this year. The Districts are struggling to the stories in but DSS are working with them.

- d. **District Support** – Laura Fribley (See Attachment)

Four SWCD Supervisors and Staff Region meetings were held statewide in March.

Planning underway for the August Chair/Vice Chair workshop in partnership with IASWCD and SSCB. It was requested informally that training dollars be utilized to sponsor the training.

Janet Ayres provided Facilitation Training to the DSSs and other key ISDA staff.

DSSs received training in Region 5 Model

Regional Conservation Partnership Program grants workshops – June 10, 11, 16 and 17th.

SW SWCD staff meeting will be June 25.

LARE/319 Grant Workshop for SWCDs will be July 8.

NW SWCD/DSC staff meeting on July 24.

- e. **Water Quality and CREP** – Jordan Seger reporting for Logan Garner

No significant changes to CREP or the state/federal CREP agreement.
 Attended Epoxia Task Force meeting recently and received very good feedback, we are 1 of 8 states.
 Ted McKinney has been asked to sit on the Epoxia Task Force.

Jordan, Deb and Logan have been working toward a wider adoption and use of the Region 5 Model by the members of the Indiana Conservation Partnership.

- f. **ISDA-DSC Director's Report** – Jordan Seger (See Attachment)
 Ted McKinney is getting ready to go to Asia with the Lt. Governor on an agriculture focused trip.
 Looking to relocate a RS in the Fayette Union Office - could reclassify that RS's duties, am talking to HR, may have to change the RS to a DSS. Scott suggested going with Jordan and Tara around the end of June for County meeting, site visit, meet with.

VII. Conservation Partner Reports

- a. IASWCD Report- Jennifer Boyle Warner (See Attachment)
 Legislative issues, CCSI, Pathway to Water Quality, Other
- b. IDEM Report- No Report
- c. DNR Report-Greg Biberdorf (See Attachment)
 Logjam removal, Press releases on grants, Lake and river enhancement
- d. Purdue Report- No Report
- e. FSA Report- No Report
- f. NRCS Report- Jane Hardisty (See Attachment)
 Farm Bill Updates, RCPP conference call for those who cannot attend meeting June 20
 NACD Summer Meeting July 21-23, Indianapolis

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Next Meeting:

July 31, 2014
 9:15 AM
 Location: The Nature Conservancy
 620 E Ohio Street
 Indianapolis, IN

October 28, 2014
 9:15 AM
 Location: TBD

X. Adjourn: 11:30 AM

Minutes Prepared by: Gaye Caplinger and Geneva Tyler
 Approved By:

<i>Wagner Band</i>	
<i>Scott Ham</i>	
<i>Bob Edalleman</i>	
<i>Wade J. Henry</i>	