

AGENDA
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

May 17, 2022

Indiana Corn and Soy

8425 Keystone Crossing #200, Indianapolis, IN 46240

MS Teams

SSCB Members in attendance: Ray Chattin, Brad Dawson, Amy Burris, Larry Clemens, Bob Eddlemen (via Teams), and Kenny Cain (Chair)

Present In Person

Joe Schmees
Julie Harrold
Trevor Laureys
Sandra Hoffarth
Tara Wesseler-Henry
Jennifer Thum
Geneva Tyler
George Reger
Nathan Stoelting

Present Virtually, via Teams

Cora Brown
Claire Lane
Michelle Elgin
Laura Fribley
Andrea Gogel
Lisa Holscher
John Hazlett
Stacey McGinnis
Stephen Miller
Penny Tackett
Mary Watson
Amy Work

- I. 9:37am: Call to Order** pledge
- II. Approve Minutes of January 2022** Moved to approve the minutes by Brad Dawson. 2nd by Amy Burris. Approved.
- III. ISDA directors report** – Trevor went over the report, (attached). 4 remaining open positions to reduce budget. Sought outside money for CREP. Went over the FY24 Biennium. Larry Clemens asked what kind of leeway that Trevor has to request more funds to support SWCD’s. Trevor will provide more information at the July meeting.
- IV. Clean Water Indiana**
 - a.** Clean Water Indiana Grants- Tara Wesseler-Henry – next reports due July, some minor modifications that DSS’s are working on the approval process. Grant reviews are taking place. Virtual grant meeting next week.
 - b.** Clean Water Indiana Grant Committee Report- Brad Dawson went over 2023 guidance changes. A motion (Clemens/Chattin) to approve the 2023 competitive grants guidance and committee recommendations. Motion carried.
 - c.** Clean Water Indiana Grant modifications – Clinton County submitted a modification requesting an extension to December 31, 2023. A motion (Burris/Clemens) to approve the modification. No discussion. Motion Carries.
 - d.** Clean Water Indiana Funding
 1. 2022 CWI Funds- Kenny Cain – Trevor went over the requested budget from CCSI and PWQ that was tabled from the March meeting. A motion (Chattin/Dawson) \$40,000 to PWQ from declined FY22 CWI funds (\$130,000) Larry Clemens abstains, motion carried. A motion (Dawson/Clemens) \$90,000 to CCSI from declined FY22 CWI funds Ray Chattin & Kenny Cain abstain, motion carried.

2. SICIM Legislative Update- Ray Chattin – (attached proposal) Dawson stated that all districts will need to do letters to all their legislators to support this proposal.
3. CWI grant modifications – Laura Fribley – Scott County SWCD FY20 with Washington and Lawrence. Requested moving cost share dollars to be in one fund and not broke up into separate funds. (LOOK at GMS to get dollar details). A motion (Eddleman/ Chattin) to approve moving the remaining funds to one cost share fund instead of 7 different categories. Motion carried.

V. State Soil Conservation Board Business

- a. IASWCD Resolution- Kenny Cain – a committee meeting will be held on the 23rd to further discuss the resolution and how to move forward. Tabled until after committee meets to bring recommendations.
- b. Deadlines and Election Committee Policy- Kenny Cain – Geneva Tyler went over the handout SWCD deadlines discussion with SSCB. Form a committee to further discuss how to fix the issues of missed deadlines that would include SSCB, IASWCD, IDEA, DSS's, and districts by the July meeting. (comments from online chat – Stacey McGinnis – I suggest Districts should list their recommendations too. There are alot of things that the State Soil Board doesn't know about accountability of ISDA employees too. I mean no disrespect but there are concerns. FYI this was the first year NOBLE has EVER been late on elections. We were told our information was being entered for us due to computer problems. IT NEVER HAPPENED BY AN ISDA employee. Please disclose my comments.)

VI. Soil and Water Conservation Districts

- a. Temporary appointments
 - i. Jasper Co SWCD- Lana Zimmer for re-election. No election was held (Dawson/Clemens)
 - ii. Jay Co SWCD (2)- Kurt Theurer for re-election. No election was held. Chris Lutes for Jordan Wall. (Chattin/Burris)
 - iii. LaPorte Co SWCD- Sacha Gee-Burnes replacing Greg Thomanb(Dawson/Clemens)
 - iv. Vermillion Co SWCD- Kelsi Lubovich replacing Angie Riggen. (Clemens/Dawson)
 - v. Noble Co SWCD – Kyle Bailey and Ryan Carmien for re-election. No election was held. (Dawson/Clemens)
 - vi. Ohio Co SWCD-Amber Wolfzorn replacing Earl Ketenbrick (Chattin/Burris)
 - vii. Martin Co SWCD- Justin Clark replacing Wes Waltong (Clemens/Dawson)

VII. ICP Reports

- a. ISDA – Trever announced the passing of past SSCB member Warren Baird. Thoughts are sent to his family.

**Larry Clemens left the meeting due to another appointment.

- b. Jennifer Thum - RCPP just shy of 16 million. 3,000 acre conservation cover, soil and manure sampling free of cost, lots of education and outreach. 42 partners, including Pokagon Indians. Julie – CREP updates. George NW RS team lead reported on workload with handout.
 - a. IASWCD – handout report
- c. CCSI – handout report
 - a. Purdue - none
- d. NRCS – handout report
 - a. FSA - none
- e. Other IDEA – handout report

VIII. Public Comment – ICP training with SICIM holding invasive training around the state. Trainings are capped at 15 people at each training.

IX. 2022 Meeting Dates

- July 19 – IN Farm Bureau, Indianapolis
- September 20
- October 25

X. SSCB Training

- a. IC 14-32-8 Clean Water Indiana- Training handout from Nathan Stoelting presented by Geneva Tyler
- b. Public Access Law- Handouts by Geneva Tyler

XI. Adjourn Dawson/Burris motioned to adjourn. Motion passed at 12 pm.

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