MINUTES
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
June 4, 2013 9:30 am
Touchstone Energy Center
350 Wedcor Ave
Wabash, Indiana

Members in Attendance:	**Others in Attendance Cont:**
Larry Clemens	Jordan Seger, ISDA
Warren Baird	Deb Fairhurst, ISDA
Bob Eddleman	Jennifer Pinkston ISDA
Nola Gentry	Jim Lake ISDA
	Logan Garner ISDA
	Nan Hammel ISDA
	Steve Howell IDEM
Members Not In Attendance:	Nick Alles ISDA
Bill Mann	Tara Henry ISDA
Brett Glick	Jane Hardisty, NRCS
Scott Ham	Ted McCammon, ISDA
	Julie Harrold, ISDA
	Scheryl Vaughn, Boone County SWCD
Others in Attendance:	Geneva Rawlins, ISDA
Deb Jimison, ISDA	Brenda Gettinger, ISDA
Rob Ziegler, ISDA	Michael Norman, Fulton County SWCD
Candace Kindt, Delaware County SWCD	Kevin Cordes, Wabash County SWCD
Lisa Holscher, CCSI	Bobby Hettmansperger, IASWCD
Jamie Scott, Kosciusko County SWCD	Stan Moore, Kosciusko County SWCD
Rob Shellhamer, Wabash County SWCD	Dan Dunbar, Boone County SWCD
Don Loda, LaPorte County SWCD	Mary Lou Musselman, Miami County SWCD
Susi Stephan, Wabash County SWCD	Jason McKittrick, NRCS
Myrna Harder, LaPorte County SWCD	

I. **9:35 AM: Call to Order**
II. **Draft Minutes of May 2013**
> Bob moved to approve; Nola second. Motion passed.
III. **Clean Water Indiana (See Attachments)**
   a. **CREP Report-Logan Garner**
   > Logan has been working with partners and the CREP steering committee to make changes to some CREP practices. Changes include pool sizes in wetlands, buffer sizes, and area fed by tile drains.
   b. **Budget and Grants Update-Jennifer Pinkston**
   > Jennifer gave an update on the active grants. The last round of grant reports (2012 Round II) was due on June 1. All reports were received on time and are under review.

IV. **Soil and Water Conservation Districts (See Attachments)**
   a. **Temporary Appointments**
   > **Newton-**Nola moved to approve; Warren Second. Motion Passed.
V. **SSCB Report**
   a. **SSCB Chairman's Report-Larry Clemens**
   > Larry reported the subcommittee has had one teleconference and will have the first face to face meeting on June 10. The committee is looking at how districts are funded and organized in the future. The group will have a 2 day retreat in August.
VI. **ISDA Reports (See Attachments)**
   a. **Technical Assistance-Julie Harrold**

Julie reported construction season in the northeast part of the state is winding down. With the cooler weather, some waterways are still being installed. Staffs are busy with CRP activities right now. Julie has been putting together mailers to floodplain landowners eligible for CREP. RSs have been assisting with tillage transect. New 319 staff has been getting out to do site visits. Deb Jimison has been working with the SWCD doing elementary education. Dave Lefforge and Nick Alles are working with the Wabash River Basin Commission to select water testing sites.

b. **Accountability & Technology-Deb Fairhurst**
Deb reported the 2012 ICP reports website launched this week. All districts need to update their 2012 success stories and photos. DeeDee Sigler will be sending out the information this week. Deb is working with NRCS to create maps of the conservation workload across the partnership in July and December. Districts are encouraged to use these maps (which will be broken down by CIT regions and include NRCS, ISDA and SWCD data) when talking to county officials and doing budget requests. Larry requested Deb do a presentation at the September board meeting on these new maps.

c. **Agricultural Affairs-Jordan Seger**
Jordan reported On-Farm Network© enrollment is in process. OFN added six new groups this year, bringing the total to 18. Larry asked if the Environmental Defense Fund network is the same as Indiana's On-Farm Network. Jordan clarified-EDF runs the Adapt Network, which is similar to OFN, but a separate entity and data.

d. **District Support-Jim Lake**
Jim reported several DSSs have been doing out to do one on one training with SWCD staff and supervisors and assisting with tillage transect. DSSs are finalizing details for the Chair/Vice Chair workshop in August. Online registration will be up soon. Jim encourages all chairs and vice chairs to attend.

e. **Water Quality-Logan Garner**
Logan is working with IDEM on the nutrient reduction strategy. Larry requested Logan present the priority watersheds with an overlay of the ICP workload map at the September board meeting as this could help the board identify priorities for the upcoming grant cycles.

VII. **Conservation Partner Reports**
a. **IASWCD Report-Jamie Scott**
Jamie reported the association wrapped up legislative activities this spring. CCSI and the Hub Farm projects are going well.

b. **IDEM Report- Steve Howell**
No Report

c. **DNR Report-No Report**
d. **Purdue Report-No Report**
e. **FSA Report-No Report**
f. **NRCS Report – Jane Hardisty**
Jane reported on her detail in Washington over the last several months. NRCS will be restructuring for cost savings and streamlining. This will include consolidation to one administrative structure across the country. NRCS will have a virtual team nationwide for administrative issues. The Secretary of Ag will use the NRCS as a possible model for other agencies to look at. Agency wide, NRCS has cut 300M this year. While other agencies have had to furlough employees, NRCS planned ahead and at this time, no furloughs are affecting NRCS. Jane reported only a handful of cooperative working agreements are still outstanding. At this time, Jane is unsure about doing any contribution agreements. Jane complimented Deb Fairhurst on her work both on the web and with the new workload maps.

VIII. **Public Comment**
Warren Baird noted the importance of Pathway to Water Quality exhibit at the fair; each SWCD should have staff and supervisors work at the exhibit.

IX. **Next Meetings:**

Tuesday, September 10 9:30 am Buck Creek Twp Fire Dept, Hancock County
Tuesday, October 29
Monday January 6, 2014
X.   Adjourn 11:40 am

Minutes Prepared By: Jennifer Pinkston

Approved By: