

**MINUTES**  
**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING**  
**March 19, 2013 9:30 am**  
**The Nature Conservancy**  
**620 E Ohio Street**  
**Indianapolis, IN**

**Members in Attendance:**

Warren Baird  
Larry Clemens  
Bob Eddleman  
Brett Glick  
Nola Gentry  
Scott Ham

**Members Not In Attendance:**

Bill Mann

**Others in Attendance Cont:**

Jordan Seger, ISDA  
Deb Fairhurst, ISDA  
Jennifer Pinkston ISDA  
Jim Lake ISDA  
Jackie Addison, ISDA  
Geneva Rawlins, ISDA  
Nathan Stoelting ISDA  
Jill Reinhart, NRCS  
Michelle Howell, FSA  
Logan Garner, ISDA  
Scheryl Vaughn, Boone County SWCD  
Danny Dunbar, Boone County SWCD  
Hans Kok, CCSI  
Jennifer Boyle Warner, IASWCD  
Harold Thompson, ICP

**I. 9:30 AM: Call to Order**

**II. Draft Minutes of January 2013**

Nola Moved to approve as submitted; Bob second. Motion passed.

**III. Clean Water Indiana (See Attachments)**

**a. Budget Update-Jennifer Pinkston**

Jennifer presented the budget with current spending and projections. Due to two open positions for the greater part of the year, the CWI fund has nearly 144k available. The executive committee met in February to review the budget status and develop a proposal to present today. The executive committee is recommending increasing the Dearborn grant (which was originally reduced), award Boone County SWCD \$70,000 for their multi-district grant, provide Sullivan SWCD additional funds for CREP, and grant IASWCD funds for a supervisor led study committee. ISDA is also requesting \$7500 for division training and travel. Due to extensive vehicle repairs that have come up during the year, the division operating budget will run short in their equipment budget. We are also requesting the board allow us to purchase 10 laptops form the CWI fund. These ten laptops will be for the CREP leaders.

Harrold Thompson requested the board provide the ICP Training and Certification Program (TCP) a grant for \$25,000. These funds will be used as match for the CIG the group is applying for. The CIG will not be awarded until this fall. During the discussion, it was decided that the board would award \$12,500 this fiscal year and \$12,500 next fiscal year-dependent on funds. The contract will be written so the TCP can use these funds for partnership training opportunities even if the CIG is not awarded.

The following changes were made to the budget proposal:

Training for ISDA-DSC staff \$5,000  
Laptops for CREP Leaders \$12,500  
SWCD Supervisor Committee \$5,000  
Dearborn amendment \$12,323.61  
Boone Co CWI Grant \$70,000  
Sullivan CREP amendment \$15,865.20  
ICP TCP Grant \$12,500

Scott moved to approve; Brett second. Motion passed.

**b. Grants update-Jennifer Pinkston**

Jennifer reported total CWI funds spent on the 2012 CWI grants in year 1 as \$286,270.77. Using these funds, districts leveraged cash and in kind match of \$4.06 for every dollar of CWI funds. Of this total match, the cash only portion is \$2.63 for every \$1 of CWI funds. Jennifer Boyle Warner requested the statistics for her talks with legislators.

**c. Grant Modifications-Jim Lake**

Jim updated the board on DeKalb's 2012 CWI grant modification request. Jim approved the modification already, but wanted to make the board aware. DeKalb increased their cost share from \$20/acre to \$30/acre. In addition, they have expanded their target area to include the St Joe River Watershed.

**d. CREP Report-Logan Garner**

Logan noted the increase in enrollment from the last report. The CREP steering committee is regularly meeting again.

**IV. Soil and Water Conservation Districts (See Attachments)**

**a. Temporary Appointments**

- i. Fulton-** Scott moved to approve; Bob seconded. Motion carried.
- ii. Owen-** Scott moved to approve; Nola seconded. Motion carried
- iii. Morgan-** Scott moved to approve; Bob seconded. Motion carried
- iv. Fountain-** Scott moved to approve; Brett seconded. Motion carried
- v. Hendricks-** Scott moved to approve; Bob seconded. Motion carried
- vi. Brown-** Scott moved to approve; Bob seconded. Motion carried
- vii. Shelby-** Bob moved to approve; Brett seconded. Motion carried
- viii. Newton-** Scott moved to approve; Brett seconded. Motion carried
- ix. Warrick** Scott moved to approve; Brett seconded. Motion carried

**V. SSCB Report (See Attachments)**

**a. Business Plan Update-Larry Clemens**

Larry reported to the full board on the executive committee's updates to the current business plan. The 2013 updates are noted in red in the attached document. "Soil Health" was added to be in line with current ICP priorities. In addition, key actions for 2013 were updated. Bob moved to approve the update; Brett seconded. Motion carried.

**b. SWCD Deadlines**

The board discussed the importance of districts adhering to deadlines regarding forms, grants and directory updates. The board discussed options for enforcing deadlines and decided that districts would be ineligible for competitive grants if they had missed deadlines. Warren moved to create a letter to districts spelling this out and to include a list of deadlines that will be looked at. Scott seconded. Motion carried.

**VI. ISDA Reports (See Attachments)**

**a. Technical Assistance and Accountability & Technology-Deb Fairhurst**

Deb noted ISDA is now tracking public interaction with all of our staff.

**b. Agricultural Affairs-Jordan Seger**

Jordan will be traveling around the state to enroll growers and promote the stewardship program. This year, the On Farm Network program has set a goal of 500 fields.

**c. District Support-Jim Lake**

The DSSs having been participating in the spring training workshops and are compiling feedback from attendees.

**d. Water Quality-Logan Garner**

Logan continues to update the Nutrient Reduction Strategy as comments come in from partners.

**VII. Conservation Partner Reports**

**a. IASWCD Report-Jennifer Boyle Warner**

Jennifer has been attending budget hearing at the Statehouse. The current budget bill includes \$1M in general funds for Clean Water Indiana. The April revenue projections will be used in the Senate version.

**b. CCSI-Hans Kok**

Hans gave an update on the CCSI program accomplishments as measured at the six month mark. The program is either meeting or exceeding all goals established in the agreement.

**c. IDEM Report-No Report**

**d. DNR Report-No Report**

**e. Purdue Report-No Report**

**f. FSA Report-Michelle Howell**

Michelle reported that FSA continues signups for general CRP. FSA hopes new rates will make practices more appealing to landowners.

**g. NRCS Report**

Jill reported Jane's return in the end of April. Until then, acting duties will continue. NRCS, as well as the entire ICP, will conduct tillage transect this year. NRCS will conduct a webinar at 1 pm on Thursday to answer any questions. Each district will need to sign a cooperative working agreement. DC's have the information and forms, and will work with their respective district(s) to ensure agreements are signed. The Soil Health strategy was released to employees and partners.

**VIII. Public Comment**

**IX. Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, May 7 9:15 am (The Nature Conservancy, Indianapolis)**

**Tuesday, June 4 (Wabash)**

**Tuesday, September 10 (East-Central Indiana)**

**Tuesday, October 29**

**Monday January 6, 2014**

**X. Adjourn 11:59 am**

Minutes Prepared By: Jennifer Pinkston

Approved By:
