

**MINUTES**  
**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING**

**May 18, 2021**

**SureTech Laboratories**

**7501 Miles Dr, Indianapolis, IN 462**

**Virtual Option Available**

**Present:**

Ray Chattin (Board Member)

Amy Burriss (Board Member)

Kenny Cain (Board Member)

Trevor Laureys

Julie Harrold

Geneva Tyler

**Present electronically (via Teams)**

Brad Dawson (Board Member)

Bob Eddleman (Board Member)

Warren Baird (Board Member)

Larry Clemens (Board Member)

Tara Wesseler-Henry

Joe Schmees

Lisa Holscher

Leah Harmon

Mark Thomas

Darci Zolman

Jordan Seger

Jessica Rayburn

Jerry Raynor

Jennifer Thum

Laura Fribley

Julie Harrold

Nathan Stoelting

Nellie Peffley

Walt Sell

Andrea Gogel

David Bradway

Diane Turner

Shelby Huff

Kerry WH

Lois Mann

Melania Palaisa

Shane Gretencord

Staci Wooley

Katie Secrest

**9:33 am.: Call to Order by Chair Amy Burriss**

**Approve Minutes of April 2021**

Motion made by Ray Chattin. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Cain. Roll Call vote: Approved

**Clean Water Indiana**

a. Clean Water Indiana Grants Program- Geneva Tyler (See attached report)

b. Clean Water Indiana Grants Guidance- Tara Wesseler-Henry

Motion by Larry Clemmons to approve 2022 CWI Grant Guidance 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Chattin Roll call vote: Approved

c. Clean Water Indiana Extension Requests

1. Clinton SWCD- Geneva Tyler - Withdrawn extension to see how the next year goes.
2. Kosciusko SWCD- Jennifer Thum – Scheduled to expire Dec 2021. COVID hindered schedules with contractors and work. Extended to October 2022. Ray made motion to extend the contract to October 2022. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Cain. Roll Call vote: Approved
3. Grant SWCD-Jennifer Thum – Scheduled to expire Dec 2021. Form needs more information and timeline clarification. Extension tabled until July.

## **State Soil Conservation Board Business**

- a.** Plan of Work- Laura Fribley and Nathan Stoelting  
Motion by Ray Chatten to move the Plan of Work to a public visible document. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Cain. Roll Call vote: approved. (Warren and Bob were unable to vote due to technical difficulties.)
- b.** Budget update- Jordan Seger  
Congratulations to Trevor Laureys, new ISDA-DSC Director. Presented proposed game plan for dealing with state budget cuts. Asked for feedback, advice, et. Please see attached Director Report for more details.  
Just a heads up, fiscal year 2023 we will likely see a larger cut.  
For CREP and the proposed changes, keeping our obligations, we will not be turning landowners away, and landowners will be getting paid. Larry made mention that we need to make sure that third party donations may not be quick to happen if they see the state stepping away with funds. Ray shared Larry's concern of losing federal return on investment, we can shift dollars from CWI funds to CREP if we need to in the future. CREP has potential to decline due to high crop prices. ISDA is monitoring the trends. A vast majority of our field staff are devoted to CREP.

## **Soil and Water Conservation Districts (See attached documents)**

- a.** Jefferson SWCD- Laura Fribley
- b.** Newton SWCD- Geneva Tyler
- c.** Shelby SWCD- Tara Wesseler-Henry
- d.** Wabash SWCD- Katie Seacrest
- e.** Clinton SWCD- Geneva Tyler

Motion made by Kenny Cain to approve all temporary elected and appointed. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Dawson. Roll Call vote approved. (Warren Baird unable to vote due to technical difficulties)

## **ISDA Reports**

- a.** DSC Director- Trevor Laureys
  1. Reminded SSCB of terms expiring in November. Expressing intent to continue on the board should be communicated sooner rather than later. Anyone with interest in SSCB board positions should contact Trevor Laureys.
  2. Please see the attached Director Report. Highlighted dashboard of key performance measures on website.
- b.** CREP and Water Quality- Julie Harrold  
See attached report.

## **IX. Public Comment**

Opportunity was given for ICP staff and partners to provide verbal updates and highlight their written reports. It was expressed that anyone wishing to be added to future agendas may request as such.

Addition to DSS report-Laura Fribley:

Looking at a grant writing workshop, however, speakers have fees. For the future we would like to consider funds from the SSCB for a grant writing workshop. CWI Networking Sessions and Virtual Tuesday trainings with IASWCD.

CCSI-Lisa Holscher: Please see the attached report. Highlighted state wide virtual report and the grants.

## **Next Meeting:**

**2021 Meeting Date**

- July 20, TBD

- October 26\*, TBD

- September 21, TBD

**Adjourned at 11: 22am Motion by Kenny Cain. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Chattin.**

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