

AGENDA
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
November 19, 2019
Farm Bureau Building, 225 South East Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202
7th Floor Central Conference Room

Present:

Larry Clemens
Amy Burris
Ray Chattin
Warren Baird
Bob Eddleman
Laura Fribley

Jennifer Thum
Nathan Stoelting
Tara Wesseler-Henry
Geneva Tyler
Jordan Seger

Call to Order: 9:38am

Business Plan

Nathan Stoelting and Tara Wesseler-Henry facilitated discussion.

Proposed NR Concerns and Action Items:

- Water Quality
- Soil Health: x% of Indiana cropland meets criteria for healthy soil
- Invasive Species: Develop an understanding with state organizations in regards to invasive species control
- Erosion
- Streambank Erosion.
- District capacity/accountability

Review of 2016-2020 business plan

Proposed CWI Grants goals

- SSCB would like to see specific outcomes on grant applications and impact on community
- Increased accountability
- Grants awarded become sustainable projects with funding from a different source (non-CWI)

Proposed High Level Goals and Action Item

- Engage supervisors to be effective
 - Support Leadership Institute for supervisors and employees
 - By 2023, _____% SWCD supervisors of the district will have attended training. (3/5?)

- Support new supervisor orientation
 - Each new supervisor required to participate
 - Reporting requirements for SWCD
- Increase local SWCD capacity
 - Leveraging sheet
 - Example policies for SWCDs
 - County council representative as an SWCD Associate Supervisor
 - Supervisor attendance policies
 - Work with ICP to find creative ways to increase capacity at local level
 - All capacity funding through ICP is supported by local officials
 - Encourage non-ICP (non-traditional) partnerships for new resources (i.e., food industry, fertilizer suppliers)
 - Encourage supporting tools for current SWCD staff
 - Job description
 - Performance evaluations
- Keep elected officials informed on conservation progress
 - "State of the State" annual report
 - Outreach materials for counties to use, send, link...
 - Metrics for soil and nutrient loss
 - Lead or facilitate opportunities for elected officials to learn about resource concerns.
- Report to IN [larger public] progress and concerns
 - Improve communication/coordination with IASWCD
 - Build a communication strategy
 - SSCB will take leadership role on reporting conservation status (RFP statewide)

Final draft of business plan will be presented at IASWCD Annual Conference.

Clean Water Indiana

Kenny Cain moved to amend the approved CWI budget, to utilize \$30,000 of CWI training dollars for funding of competitive grants. Amy Burriss seconded. Motion passed.

Proposed 2020 SSCB meeting dates

- March 17
- May 19
- July 21
- September 15
- October 27

Next meeting date: January 12, 3-5pm EST (IASWCD Annual Conference)

Kenny moved to adjourn. Amy seconded. 2:04pm

Larry *Amy* *Wanon*
Buddy E. Davis *Kenny Cain* *Burris*

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