

State Soil Conservation Board Minutes

1/7/18

Coinciding with the IN Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Annual Conference

Indianapolis Marriot Downtown

350 W Maryland Street

Minutes by Jordan Seger

Members present: Nola Gentry, Larry Clemens, Warren Baird, Ray Chattin

Members not present (sick): Robert Woodling, Bob Eddleman

Per Robert Woodling's prior designation Larry Clemens chaired this meeting.

Start: 3:02, large audience attendance

Approved Minutes from October 31 meeting

Nola moved, Warren seconded

Leah - CWI grant updates, handout on CWI updates, handout on CWI budget snapshot

Pathway to Water Quality funding request

Jennifer Boyle Warner and Gary Struben presented. Group had submitted Non SWCD Led Clean Water Indiana Grant application. Requesting \$7,500 matching funds for 319 grant, funds for coordinator position salary.

Maintains Sarah Peel through 2018. Larry motion to approve request, Nola 2nd, all approved, motion passed

SSCB Grants Committee: Handout, Ray presented, discussed ISDA fish kill money and recommended expenditures in the amount of \$48,000, handout explains recommendations:

- Leadership Institute: \$2,500 for workshop logistics and marketing materials.

- Pathway to Water Quality: \$7,500 for Coordinator salary pending completion of a Non-SWCD led CWI application.

- Hamilton SWCD: \$38,000, as the next CWI application in the ranking list, for a part-time urban agriculture technician.

Nola motion to approve expenditures, 2nd by Ray, all approved, motion passed

CCSI Oversight Comm. appointments, Motion by Ray to appoint Bob and Robert to CCSI OS comm., warren 2nd, all approved, motion passed.

Feb meeting – Leah setting up doodle poll.

Supervisor Appointments

Motion to confirm appointments Nola, Warren 2nd, all approved, motion passed

LaPorte SWCD, Nola motion to approve, Ray 2nd, all approved, motion passed

Rush SWCD, Ray motion to approve, Nola 2nd, all approved, motion passed

ISDA – Division of Soil Conservation Update – Jordan, handout, budget update, Bruce Kettler new ISDA Director, Legislative short session underway, DSC and SWCD met and exceeded each Key Performance Indicator and Performance Measures

Director of Soil Health update – Meg, handout, INField Advantage update, CCSI update, Red Gold update

District Support Specialist Report – Laura, handout, Leadership Institute, SBOA training, results from SWCD soft money survey asking how many SWCDs are pursuing funding for a temporary position.

Comment from audience, Man hours per acre, general staffing needs, what's it take to staff an office.

CREP & Water Quality Initiatives – Julie, handout

Tree planting follow up with CREP Warren, spot checks? ISDA to provide more follow up at next meeting

IASWCD - Jamie, handout

USDA-NRCS - Jill, handout

IDEA - Erica, 141 members, Fall IDEA conference Oct 2-4 in Monroe County

CCSI - Lisa, handout, filling communication role

No public comment

End 4:20 Motion by Nola to adjourn, Ray seconded, motion passed