

AGENDA
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
9:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2011
NRCS
6013 Lakeside Boulevard
Indianapolis, Indiana 46278-2933

- I. 9:00 AM: Call to Order**
- II. Approve Minutes of January 2011**
- III. Clean Water Indiana**
 - a. 2011 and Prior Grants; Extension Requests Paul Hoffman**
 - i. Lawrence County
 - ii. Owen County
 - iii. Franklin County
 - iv. Perry County
 - v. Elkhart County
 - b. 2011 Watershed Grants Program-Laura Fribley**
 - c. CREP- Jerod Chew**
 - i. CREP Update and Report
 - ii. CREP Local Administration
 - d. CWI Budget- Jerod Chew**
- IV. Soil and Water Conservation Districts**
 - a. Temporary Supervisor Appointments**
 - i. Gibson County
 - ii. Marshall County
 - b. Election Discussions**
 - i. Jefferson County
 - c. Upcoming Dates**
- V. SSCB Board Reports and Discussion**
 - a. SSCB Chairman's Report – Larry Clemens**
- VI. ISDA Reports**
 - a. Division of Soil Conservation Report**
 - i. Technical Support Update – Jerod Chew
 - ii. District Support Update – Laura Fribley
 - iii. Water Quality Update – Jerod Chew
 - iv. Accountability and Technology Update – Deb Fairhurst
 - v. Agriculture Affairs Update – Roz Leeck
- VII. Conservation Partner Reports**
 - a. DNR Report**
 - b. IDEM Report**
 - c. Purdue Report**
 - d. IASWCD President's Report**
 - e. FSA Report**
 - f. NRCS State Conservationist's Report**
- VIII. Public Comment**
- IX. Next Meeting: TBA**
- X. Adjourn**

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

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March-2011
CLEAN WATER INDIANA REPORT

Executive Summary:

Administered by the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB), the Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Grants Program is funded through the CWI Initiative. The purpose of the CWI Grants Program is to provide financial assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) to implement conservation practices to reduce non-point sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost share programs.



2009 SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION GRANT

PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2009, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside \$550,000 to fund the Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant (SNRG). This was a competitive grant. Each Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) was given the opportunity to apply for \$3,000 to \$10,000. The purpose of the SNRG is to offer financial support to SWCDs throughout the state to help stimulate the adoption of sediment and nutrient reduction practices. SWCDs worked with ISDA to create the "We All Live Downstream" theme. This message is to be consistent information with resources shared throughout the state that focuses on a select group of conservation practices.

59 SWCDs applied for the 2009 SNRG totaling \$543,887. The SSCB awarded 31 districts totaling \$284,887. All 2009 SNRGs have one year to complete their project. Projects start January 1, 2009 and must be complete by December 31, 2009. The SSCB decided to allocate the remaining \$265,113 to fund the Emergency Conservation Assistance Program.

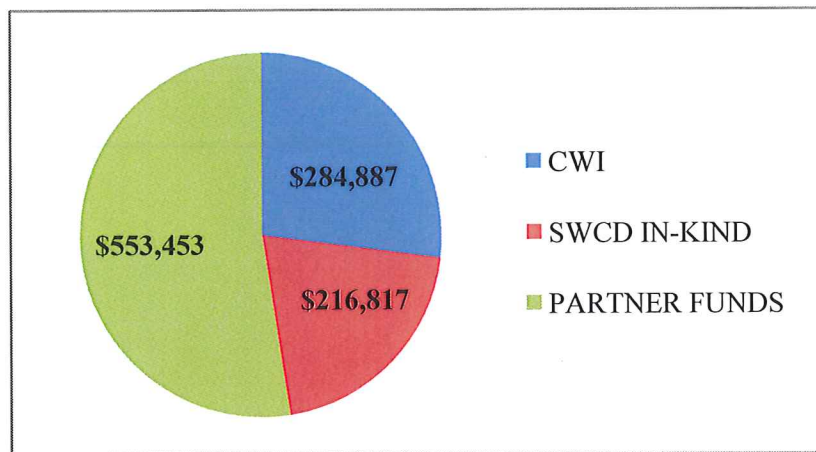
EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS:

- **Adams County:** Nutrient Reduction Through New Technology
- **Clark County:** Nutrient Management and Buffers in the Urban Sector
- **Huntington County:** Wetlands-A Key Link in Watershed Management
- **Pulaski County:** Tippecanoe River and Tributaries Sediment and Nutrient Reduction
- **Shelby County:** 2009 Bringing Conservation to You Program
- **Wayne County:** Educating Our Amish Community on the Benefits of Soil Conservation



BREAK DOWN OF PROJECT FUNDS:

* (This information was pulled from the District proposals)



STATUS UPDATE:

- Amount paid to Districts: \$283,887.00
- Remaining balance: \$1000.00 Return unspent funds \$1143.
- 29 Districts have submitted their final report
- 2 District have extended their grant to 12/31/10 and should have final report submitted by Mar 31, 2011

2010 CWI GRANT

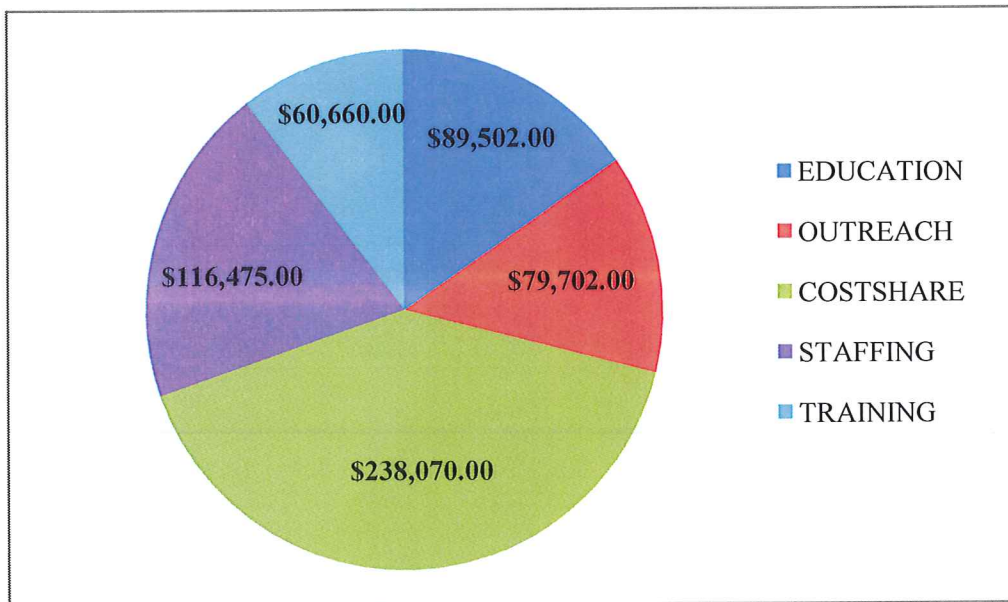
PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2010, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside \$550,000 for this grant cycle, as well as provide more choices for the use of grant funds. Each Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) was given the opportunity to apply up to \$7,000. The focus for this round of grant funding includes:

- Adult Education
- Outreach/Marketing
- Cost Share Incentives
- Capacity Building
 - Staffing
 - Leadership Development Training

88 SWCDs applied for the 2010 CWI grant totaling \$584,409. The SSCB approved all grant applications and funded the total amount applied. All 2010 CWI grants have one year to complete their project, except for Leadership Development Training. Projects start January 1, 2010 and must be complete by December 31, 2010. Leadership Development Training reimbursement may include training from July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.

BREAK DOWN OF 2010 CWI GRANT FUNDS:



STATUS UPDATE:

- To date, all 88 contracts have been paid the initial 75% totaling \$392,811.75
- 2 Districts (Davies & Martin) have submitted a final report and final payment has been issued for an additional \$3,500.
- 12 Districts that submitted their Supervisor Training Reimbursements receipts have been processed for payment for a total of \$12,000.
- Based on SharePoint, there are 15 more districts that have submitted their final reports. 9 more Districts have completed project and will be submitting final reports
- An extension amendment was completed for 63 Districts. 5 have requested a second extension

2011 CWI GRANT

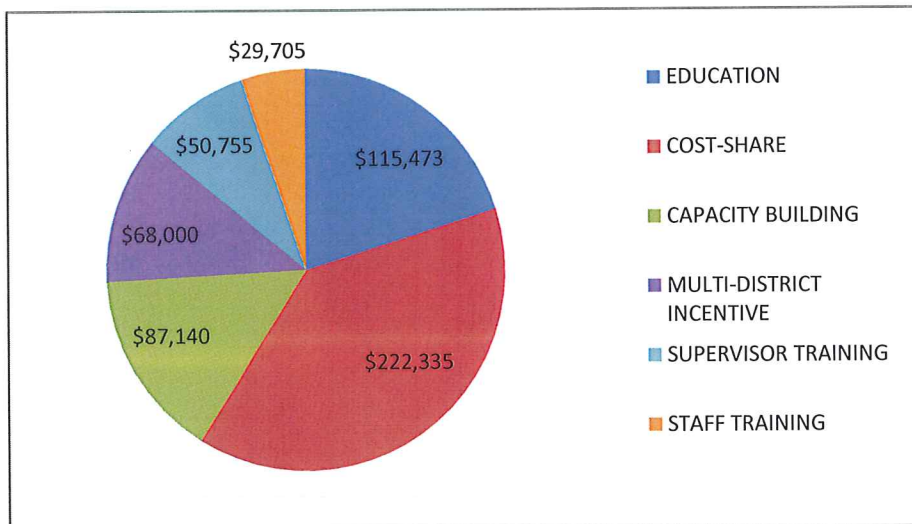
PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2011, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside \$644,000 for this grant cycle, as well as provide more choices for the use of grant funds. Each Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) was given the opportunity to apply up to \$7,000. The focus for this round of grant funding includes:

- Adult Education
- Outreach/Marketing
- Cost Share Incentives
- Multi-District Initiatives
- Capacity Building
 - Staffing
 - Leadership Development Training

88 SWCDs applied for the 2011 CWI grant totaling \$573,408. The SSCB approved all grant applications and funded the total amount applied. All 2011 CWI grants have one year to complete their project which starts January 1, 2011 and must be completed by December 31, 2011.

BREAK DOWN OF 2011 CWI GRANT FUNDS:



STATUS UPDATE:

- To date, 88 Districts have returned a signed contract for 2011
- 85 District have received the initial 75% of their grant request.
- 3 District request have been processed and should be paid soon.

ELKHART COUNTY
soil and water conservation
D I S T R I C T

17746-B County Road 34, Goshen IN 46528 Phone: 574-533-3630, Ext. 3 Fax: 574-533-4620

Indiana State Soil Conservation Board
Mr. Larry Clemens, Chairperson
c/o Indiana State Department of Agriculture,
Division of Soil Conservation
1 North Capitol Room Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

March 1, 2011

Dear Conservation Board Members,

The Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors would like to express their appreciation for your support of natural resource conservation and Conservation Districts in Indiana. We especially thank you for the Clean Water Indiana funds that we have been granted to assist us in locally led efforts to reduce sediment and erosion, and improve water quality, in Elkhart County.

We respectfully request an extension until September 30, 2011 for the \$2,000 we requested for "capacity building – staffing" in our 2010 CWI grant. We ended up scheduling several of our winter meetings in March because of circumstances and staffing issues, and do not feel that we can conduct adequate follow up in the short time between the meetings and the grant deadline. We regret that we are in this situation, but feel that an extension will allow us to complete the activities that we proposed.

Again we would like to thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Jim Hess
Board Chairman



Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District
10165 Oxford Pike – Brookville, IN 47012-9414 – Phone (765)-647-2651, Ext. 3

February 24, 2011

State Soil Conservation Board
One North Capital; Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

State Soil Conservation Board,

The Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District has a 2010 Clean Water Indiana grant for 50% cost-share for soil testing in pasture and hay land. We added crop land in November with a maximum of \$200 per landowner, with approval from our DSS. The weather has not been corporative for producers to obtain the soil samples for the testing. Last fall was too dry then frozen ground and now the ground is too wet. Even with the inclement weather we have seen an interest increase for the soil testing.

We would like an extension on the 2010 Clean Water Indiana grant for soil testing up to June 30, 2011.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Franklin County
Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors



Perry County Soil and Water Conservation District

125 S. Eighth Street, Rm. 6 • Cannelton, IN 47520 • Tel. (812) 547-4686 • Fax (812) 547-4686

February 28, 2011

Mr. Larry Clemens, Chairman, State Soil Conservation Board
ISDA, Division of Soil Conservation
225 S East St.
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Dear Mr. Clemens,

The Perry County Soil and Water Conservation District appreciates the Clean Water Indiana funds to allow the SWCD to provide a cost share program for Perry County land users.

The SWCD offered a cost share program for Heavy Use Area Protection Livestock Feeding Pads with the 2010 Clean Water Indiana grant. Unfortunately only one of the five Perry County applicants has finished his/her project. Now due to the weather, the other four probably will not have the opportunity to finish their project by March 31st. The SWCD is requesting to extend the 2010 Clean Water Indiana grant until June 30th.

We appreciate your consideration to approve the extension.

Sincerely,

Randall L. Rennie, Chairman
Perry County Soil and Water Conservation District



Owen County Soil and Water Conservation District
2534 E. State Highway 46
Spencer, IN 47460
812-829-2605

State Soil Conservation Board
C/O ISDA – Division of Soil Conservation
1 North Capitol, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

January 25, 2011

The Owen County Soil and Water Conservation District respectfully requests an extension of our 2010 CWI Grant (**GRANT # A337-10-CWI-056**). There is \$4,000 earmarked for conservation practice cost-share funding. All the funds have been committed to landowners but their projects have been held up from completion for the following reasons:

- ◆ CWI funds were distributed later than expected in 2010
- ◆ All the projects are structural in nature which required NRCS Technical Team designs. Due to the workload of our super Tech Team design completion for these projects took longer than expected.
- ◆ After designs were received, weather and harvest constraints have further delayed project completion.

The projects are underway and the landowners are committed to completing them as soon as weather permits. We do not wish to penalize these conservationists by loss of funding for their projects. Therefore, at the Owen SWCD Board meeting held January 18, 2011, we voted to request an extension on this grant until June 30, 2011. We feel that this extension will provide adequate time for all cooperators to finish projects and employ all Clean Water Indiana funding.

Owen County SWCD truly appreciates the work completed through CWI Grants that would not otherwise be possible. We thank you for your confidence in our ability to utilize these funds wisely and we thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Worland".

Steve Worland
Owen SWCD Chairman

Cc: Nathan Stoelting



LAWRENCE COUNTY
soil and water conservation
DISTRICT

1919 Steven Ave., Bedford, IN 47421
812-279-8117, Ext. 3 Fax 812-279-1394

www.lawrencecountyswcd.org

Serving Lawrence County since 1957

TO: State Soil Conservation Board

December 13, 2010

The Lawrence County Soil & Water Conservationist District received a Clean Water Indiana grant for grid sampling for 2010. All the CWI grant money has been allocated to do the grid sampling. However, due to the drought it was very hard for the grid sampling to be completed this summer. The grid sampling will be completed as soon as possible. The SWCD feels we need more time to get the receipts in and grid sampling reports so we can pay the landowners. Could we possibly get an extension past the March 31, 2011 deadline? We would hope to have the receipts and reports and have the landowners paid by July of 2011.

Any consideration to this request would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Curtis McBride
Lawrence Co. SWCD Chairman

ALL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ARE OFFERED ON A NONDISCRIMINATORY BASIS, WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RELIGION, AGE, DISABILITY, POLITICAL BELIEFS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, SEX, MARITAL /FAMILY STATUS OR HANDICAP.

RECOMMENDATION FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

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ELECTED SUPERVISOR, VACANCY: IC 14-32-13

Sec. 13

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(2) at the first board meeting held after the board receives a recommendation under subdivision (1), the board shall act upon the recommendation and appoint an individual to temporarily fill the vacancy; and

(3) the board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment made by the board.

(b) The individual appointed to temporarily fill a vacancy under subsection (a) shall serve until the district's next annual meeting.

(c) At the annual meeting immediately following the appointment of an individual to temporarily fill a vacant elected supervisor's position, the position shall be filled through the regular election procedures set forth in sections 6 through 9 of this chapter.

("Board" as used in the state statute refers to the State Soil Conservation Board)

The Supervisors of the Gibson County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that Cleoramae Graper Stunkel (name) maintains a permanent residence within the district and is qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that are imposed on supervisors by law.

Address

3299 E 1025 S

City, State and Zip

Haubstadt IN 47,639

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- Resignation of Travis J. Jochim

YOU MUST SUBMIT THE RESIGNATION LETTER TO YOUR DISTRICT SUPPORT SPECIALIST AS WELL AS KEEP A COPY IN YOUR DISTRICT RECORDS.

- Death of

- No election held

We have advised him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of supervisor.

We have advised him/her about "Dual Office Holding" and provided a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS (signatures)

Debbie Wolfe (typed)

Date 2/18/2011

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IC 14-32-4-1

(b) To hold the position of elected supervisor, an individual:

(1) must be an occupier of a tract of land that is:

(A) more than ten (10) acres in area; and

(B) located within the district;

(2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district; and

(3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.

NAME

Cleoramae Graper Stunkel

PHONE NUMBER

812-758-6581

DATE OF BIRTH

10/28/1937

ADDRESS

3299 E 1025 S

CITY, STATE, ZIP

Haubstadt, IN 47639

EDUCATION

The Defiance College - Defiance, OH - B A degree

The Chicago Theological Seminary - Chicago, IL - Bachelor of Divinity - Cumlaude

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS

Retired

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Has served as an associate supervisor - 2008-2011

NRCS Earth Team volunteer since 2005

Has attended field days, annual meeting, etc.

Master Gardener - 1999-2009 (Received the advanced and bronze level)

Founding and continuing member of the Southern Indiana Herb Society

LAND OWNERS OR OPERATORS ONLY

If applicable, list some of the soil and water conservation practices you have installed or performed

Installation of filter strips, field borders, grassed waterways and grade stabilization structures such as rock chutes

TEMPORARY APPOINTEE

Have you previously served as an SWCD supervisor?

Yes

What was the date of last service?

What was the reason for termination of last service?

How many years did you serve as a supervisor? # Years #Months

No

I currently hold a public service position/office

Yes

I have been informed about "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide

Yes

No

No

By signing this document, if appointed as a supervisor by the State Soil Conservation Board, you agree to attend supervisors' monthly meetings regularly and carry out your responsibilities as a supervisor to the best of your ability.

APPOINTEE:

Cleoramae Graper Stunkel

(typed)

2/18/2011

Date

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Travis J. Joehim
4839 W 225 S
Owensville, IN 47665

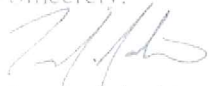
January 21, 2011

To: Board of Supervisors
Gibson County SWCD
229 S. Second Avenue
Princeton, IN 47670

It is with much regret that I must notify you of my intention to resign from the Gibson County SWCD Board of Supervisors, to be effective January 27, 2011.

While I have enjoyed serving the Gibson County SWCD and its constituents, my ability to do so has become very limited due to conflict of my work schedule. I must step aside so that the position may be filled by someone with more time to offer to accomplish the many tasks at hand.

Sincerely,



Travis J. Joehim, Supervisor
Gibson Co. SWCD

RECOMMENDATION FOR VACANT APPOINTMENT POSITION

APPOINTED SUPERVISOR, VACANCY: IC 14-32-13

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(1) the district supervisors shall, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, recommend to the board in writing one (1) or more individuals qualified to fill the position,

(2) at the first board meeting held after the board received a recommendation under subdivision (1), the board shall act upon the recommendation, and

(3) the board shall notify the supervisor of the appointment made by the board.

(b) The individual appointed to fill a vacant appointed supervisor position under subsection (a) shall serve the unexpired term of the individual's predecessor.

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The Supervisors of the Marshall
certify that:

Name Rance Glinge

Address 10155 Gumwood Road

City Bourbon

State Indiana

Zip 46504

County Soil and Water Conservation District

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

Resignation of

Ben Schaller

Ben's Schaller's resignation letter.pdf
180.24 KB

(If supervisor has resigned, you **MUST** attach copy of resignation letter. See SharePoint

Tutorial for instructions on attaching a file.)

Death of

We have advised him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of Supervisor. We have advised him/her about "Dual Office Holding" and provided a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS SIGNATURES

Chairman Steve Martin	Date (typed)
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QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

IC 14-32-4-1

(c) To hold the position of appointed supervisor, and individual:

- (1) must be of voting age***
- (2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district, and***
- (3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.***

Name Rance Glinge
 Phone Number 574.220.4639
 Date of Birth 10/30/1979
 Address 10155 Gumwood Road
 City Bourbon
 State IN Zip Code 46504
 Education

B.S. in Agribusiness Management Purdue University

Occupation or Type of Business

Commercial Loan Office - Lake City Bank

List Conservation and Other Leadership Experiences

Board member of Marshall County Farm Bureau

Please check one of the following:

- New Appointment**
- Reappointment**

I currently hold a public service position/office

- Yes**
 - If yes, I have been informed about the "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide**
 - Yes**
 - No**
- No**

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Date 1/26/2011

Rance Gingle
Signature of Appointee

Please keep a copy of this on file at the SWCD office and notify your District Support Specialist.

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Benjamin E. Schaller
11501 9A Rd.
Plymouth, IN 46563

Board of Supervisors
Marshall County SWCD
Gary Drive
Plymouth, IN 46563

January 21, 2011

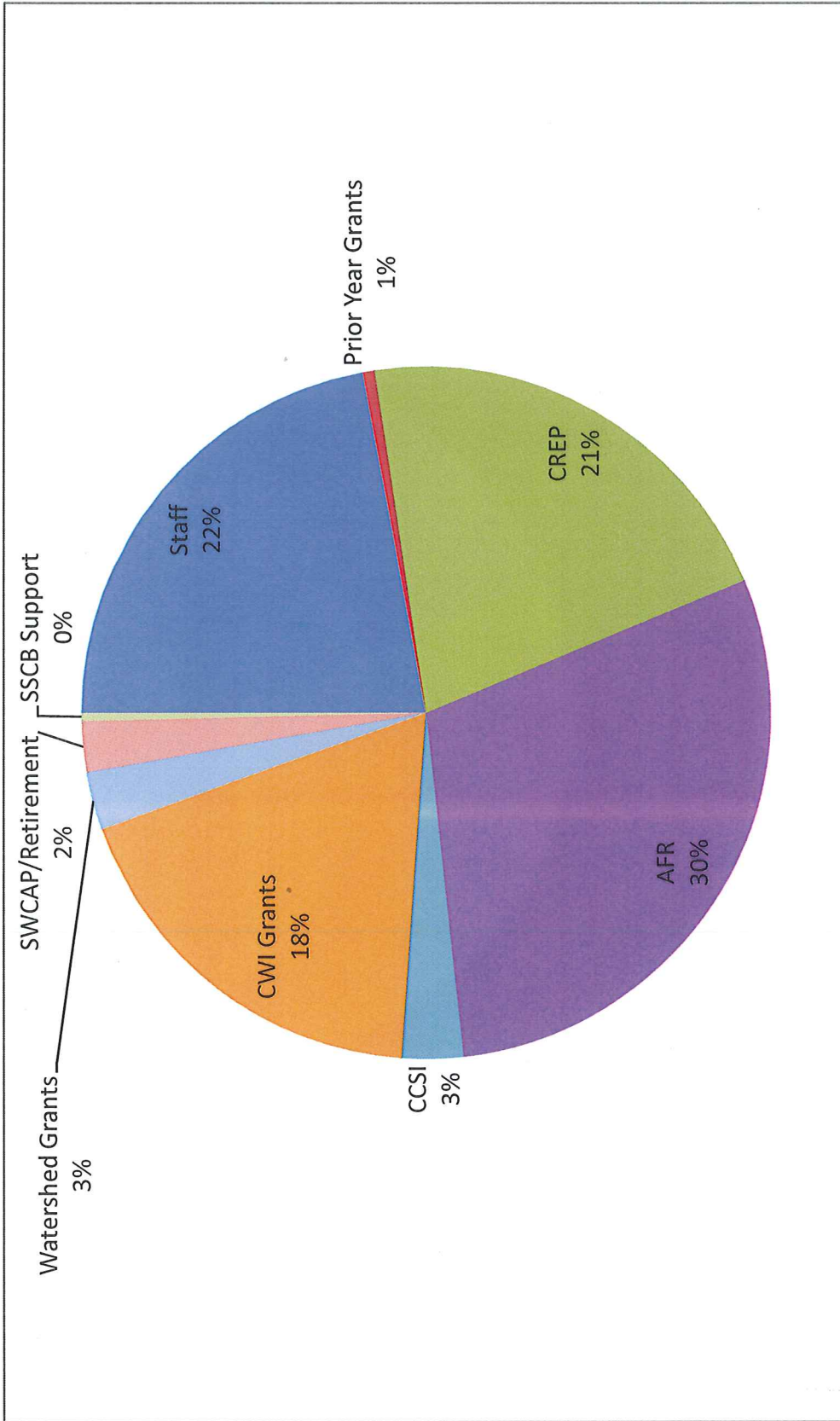
Dear Sirs:

Upon examination of my time and priorities, I hereby find it necessary to tender my resignation from the Board of Supervisors for the Marshall County SWCD effective January 26, 2011.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Schaller', written in a cursive style.

Benjamin E. Schaller



Staff paid from Clean Water
 2 Central Office Support Staff
 4 District Support Specialists
 4 CREP Coordinators
 1 Vacant CREP Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

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The Supervisors of the Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that Gerald Mercer (name) maintains a permanent residence within the district and is qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that are imposed on supervisors by law.

Address

4278 S Morristown Pike

City, State and Zip

Greenfield IN 46,140

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- Resignation of Jim Cherry

YOU MUST SUBMIT THE RESIGNATION LETTER TO YOUR DISTRICT SUPPORT SPECIALIST AS WELL AS KEEP A COPY IN YOUR DISTRICT RECORDS.

- Death of
- No election held

We have advised him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of supervisor. We have advised him/her about "Dual Office Holding" and provided a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS (signatures)

Ray Helms, Chairman; Tom Nigh (typed)

Date 3/7/2011

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IC 14-32-4-1

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NAME

Gerald Mercer

PHONE NUMBER

317-462-5139

DATE OF BIRTH

ADDRESS

4278 S Morristown Pike

CITY, STATE, ZIP

Greenfield, IN 46140

EDUCATION

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS

Retired - Conservation Contractor

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Installed a lengthy amount of waterways in Hancock and surrounding counties

LAND OWNERS OR OPERATORS ONLY

If applicable, list some of the soil and water conservation practices you have installed or performed

TEMPORARY APPOINTEE

Have you previously served as an SWCD supervisor?

Yes

What was the date of last service?

What was the reason for termination of last service?

How many years did you serve as a supervisor? # Years #Months

No

I currently hold a public service position/office

Yes

I have been informed about "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide

Yes

No

No

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APPOINTEE:

Gerald Mercer

(typed)

3/7/2011

Date

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ELECTED SUPERVISOR, VACANCY: IC 14-32-13

Sec. 13

(a) If a vacancy in the position of elected supervisor occurs during the district's operating year:

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(3) the board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment made by the board.

(b) The individual appointed to temporarily fill a vacancy under subsection (a) shall serve until the district's next annual meeting.

(c) At the annual meeting immediately following the appointment of an individual to temporarily fill a vacant elected supervisor's position, the position shall be filled through the regular election procedures set forth in sections 6 through 9 of this chapter.

(*"Board" as used in the state statute refers to the State Soil Conservation Board*)

The Supervisors of the Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that Mike Conner (name) maintains a permanent residence within the district and is qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that are imposed on supervisors by law.

Address
1059 E 300 S
City, State and Zip
Greenfield IN 46,140

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- Resignation of Alice Bogemann

YOU MUST SUBMIT THE RESIGNATION LETTER TO YOUR DISTRICT SUPPORT SPECIALIST AS WELL AS KEEP A COPY IN YOUR DISTRICT RECORDS.

- Death of
- No election held

We have advised him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of supervisor. We have advised him/her about "Dual Office Holding" and provided a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS (signatures)

Ray Helms, Chairman, Tom Nigh (typed)

Date 3/7/2011

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IC 14-32-4-1

(b) To hold the position of elected supervisor, an individual:

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(A) more than ten (10) acres in area; and

(B) located within the district;

(2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district; and

(3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.

NAME

Mike Conner

PHONE NUMBER

317-462-3720

DATE OF BIRTH

ADDRESS

1059 E 300

CITY, STATE, ZIP

Greenfield, IN 46140

EDUCATION

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS

Farming - corn and soybeans

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Variety of conservation practices installed on family farm - waterways, filter strips, etc.

LAND OWNERS OR OPERATORS ONLY

If applicable, list some of the soil and water conservation practices you have installed or performed

Variety of conservation practices install on family farm - waterways, filter strips, etc.

TEMPORARY APPOINTEE

Have you previously served as an SWCD supervisor?

Yes

What was the date of last service?

What was the reason for termination of last service?



How many years did you serve as a supervisor? # Years #Months

No

I currently hold a public service position/office

Yes

I have been informed about "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide

Yes

No

No

By signing this document, if appointed as a supervisor by the State Soil Conservation Board, you agree to attend supervisors' monthly meetings regularly and carry out your responsibilities as a supervisor to the best of your ability.

APPOINTEE:

Mike Conner

(typed)

3/7/2011

Date

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The Supervisors of the Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that John Moran (name) maintains a permanent residence within the district and is qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that are imposed on supervisors by law.

Address
7458 N 500 E
City, State and Zip
Greenfield IN 46,140

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- Resignation of Burl Carmichael

YOU MUST SUBMIT THE RESIGNATION LETTER TO YOUR DISTRICT SUPPORT SPECIALIST AS WELL AS KEEP A COPY IN YOUR DISTRICT RECORDS.

- Death of
- No election held

We have advised him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of supervisor. We have advised him/her about "Dual Office Holding" and provided a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS (signatures)

Ray Helms, Chairman, Tom Nigh (typed)

Date 3/7/2011

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NAME

John Moran

PHONE NUMBER

317-326-2061

DATE OF BIRTH

ADDRESS

7458 N 500 E

CITY, STATE, ZIP

Greenfield, IN 46140

EDUCATION

BS - engineering

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS

Retired Eli Lilly employee and owns/operates large family greenhouse business as well as farms.

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

SWCD Associate Supervisor - 3 years

LAND OWNERS OR OPERATORS ONLY

If applicable, list some of the soil and water conservation practices you have installed or performed

TEMPORARY APPOINTEE

Have you previously served as an SWCD supervisor?

Yes

What was the date of last service?

What was the reason for termination of last service?

How many years did you serve as a supervisor? # Years #Months

No

I currently hold a public service position/office

Yes

I have been informed about "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide

Yes

No

No

By signing this document, if appointed as a supervisor by the State Soil Conservation Board, you agree to attend supervisors' monthly meetings regularly and carry out your responsibilities as a supervisor to the best of your ability.

APPOINTEE:

John Moran

(typed)

3/7/2011

Date

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Hancock County SWCD Supervisor's and Staff

I am resigning from the SWCD Board effective March 1, 2011. I will stay on as an associate supervisor but feel it is time for others to step up and carry on as supervisors.

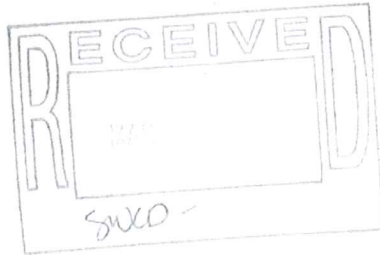
Jim Cherry



Effective 3-1-11

I am resigning from the SWCD Board effective March 1, 2011.
I will stay on as an associate supervisor.

Sincerely,
Alice Bogemann



To: Hancock County SWCD Supervisors, Advisors, & Staff

Greetings. this correspondence is sent to tender my resignation/retirement from the SWCD board effective March 1, 2011. I believe in term limits for board positions and feel I have stayed long enough. I have an increased knowledge of soil conservation, met many new people and appreciate the opportunity to have served.
Best to everyone as you continue your efforts to improve the environment.

Burl Carmichael



From: Mike Pittman [mv.pitt@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:21 PM
To: ISDA Clean Water Indiana
Cc: dale
Subject: Request for 10 Acre Rule Exemption

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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To Nola Gentry :

Dear Nola

We spoke at the State Meeting in January regarding my running for the open Jefferson County SWCD Board position. I won the election tonight and will need to get an exemption from the 10 Acre rule since I reside in downtown Madison, Indiana (Jefferson County), but my farms are in Switzerland County. I appreciate your assistance in getting this exemption processed. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at my email: mv.pitt@hotmail.com or my home phone: 812-273-2677. Thanks for your support.

MIKE PITTMAN
C 574-361-6183

Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District

Minutes: February 15, 2011

SUPERVISORS:

**Steve Riley, Vice-Chair
Joe Ferguson
Dale Sides
Wes Thomas (Absent)**

ASSOCIATE SUPERVISORS:

Mike Pittman

STAFF & VISITORS:

**Lisa Jones
Kerry Brinson
Linda Pittman**

***Meeting called to order at 7:11pm**

This meeting has been called due to the February 7th election. Supervisor's Kerry Brinson, Steve Riley, Joe Ferguson, and Wes Thomas expressed not being made aware prior to the election that Mike Pittman did not own 10 acres in Jefferson County. A waiver was not submitted prior to the election, which resulted in an illegal election. It was also brought to the attention of the board that Bill Miller should have been nominated from the floor due paperwork not being submitted prior to the election.

As the former chairman of the board and chairman of the election committee Kerry Brinson stated that he was present as a meeting advisor. He asked if the meeting was advertised in accordance to the state guidelines. Lisa told him that it was. Kerry passed out page one of Indiana Code and referenced to IC 14-32-4-1 Number and Qualifications, which outlines the criteria to be eligible for a supervisor position.

Dale asked if the purpose of this meeting is to clarify the election. Kerry stated that he felt responsible for results of the election. It was expressed by many that they were partly to blame for the outcome. Dale said the election form should have been reviewed and the committee should have signed it prior to submission.

Dale and Mike stated that they spoke with Laura Fribley, Nola Gentry, and Scott Hamm at the Annual Conference in January about the ten acre waiver not having been submitted. They informed everyone that they were told by Nola it should not be a big deal and that it could be submitted after the election. Joe stated that Mike and Dale were partly to blame for not having shared that information at the January meeting. Mike expressed that it was. It was not recorded in the January minutes. Lisa expressed that she did not remember that conversation transpiring during the meeting, but thought it happened outside of it.

There was a great deal of discussion about the miscommunication that occurred about the lack of ten acres. Many expressed blame towards all parties involved.

Steve voted to offer the one year appointed position to the most recent retired supervisor and go backwards until someone accepts. First offered to Kerry Brinson, if rejected then Norbert Schafer, if rejected then Bob Kuppler, etc.

Dale voted to appoint Mike Pittman as supervisor for one year.

Steve and Dale's votes cancel one another.

Kerry asked Mike for suggestions. Mike wants to have voting rights, and does not believe appointing someone else will solve the problems with the election.

Joe voted with Steve to offer the one year appointed position to the most recent retired supervisor and go backwards until someone accepts.

Mike stated that the dinner cost of \$10 should be refunded to all those that attended the annual meeting due to the illegal election. Several of the board members stated that the cost of the dinner should not be reimbursed and that the dinner is not to just conduct an election. Most of the supervisors believe the election is a small part of the evening, and that the annual dinner is to highlight the districts year of accomplishments. Mike felt that the election is the main part of the annual dinner. His expressed that the processing of the paperwork was wrong, but the election was fair voting. Mike suggested appointing him as supervisor and believes the reputation of the district would be hurt if the election results change.

Linda Pittman expressed to all her dissatisfaction with the way the election procedures were handled leading up to and now what's being discussed after. She excused herself from the meeting.

Kerry recommended a one year appointed term for Mike. Mike asked why not a 3 year team. Steve said the SBOA will only allow a one year appointment.

Steve said that he wanted to pull the election results at the annual dinner when the lack of ten acres was learned, but that Laura Fribley discouraged him from doing that.

Joe Ferguson and Steve Riley both expressed stepping down from the board if Mike Pittman wanted the position so badly. Dale expressed that he didn't like that idea and that the district would benefit most if all that are currently on the board remained to keep the diversity.

Wes who was via phone expressed that he was in agreement with Steve to offer the one year appointed position to the most recent retired supervisor and go backwards until someone accepts. However, the group agreed that Wes was not eligible to vote due to him not being present. Vote does not count.

Kerry suggested following Indiana Code 14-32-4-13 which states the procedures to fill the supervisor vacancy by making nomination and send it to the State Board of Accounts and have them decide.

The group decided that an agreement was not going to be reached this evening and to hold another meeting as soon as possible that everyone can attend. Lisa was instructed to call Wes Thomas on the morning of Thursday, February 17th to see if he is feeling better and to check his availability for next week to conduct another meeting. Lisa will inform everyone what is decided and advertise the meeting according to the Indiana Code.

Joe moved, and Dale second to adjourn the meeting.

***Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.**

Minutes approved by:

Date: _____

_____	_____	Member
_____	Chairman	_____ Member
_____	Vice-Chair	_____ Member

Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District

Minutes: February 22, 2011

SUPERVISORS:

**Steve Riley, Vice-Chair
Joe Ferguson
Dale Sides
Wes Thomas**

ASSOCIATE SUPERVISORS:

Mike Pittman

STAFF & VISITORS:

**Lisa Jones
Laura Fribley
Linda Pittman**

***Meeting called to order at 10:04a.m.**

Prior to meeting Laura passed out the Indiana Code 14-32-4. Lisa made copies of the draft minutes from the previous meeting available for all attendees.

Dale asked Wes if the purpose of the meeting is to smooth over the election and submit the waiver or to change the election results. Wes stated that this meeting was to clear the air and to keep everything fair. Wes said he feels a former supervisor should be appointed.

Dale pointed on the checklist of election procedures and how the election should have been conducted.

Mike asked Laura where it states a submission deadline for a waiver. Laura said that IC-14-32-4-1 does not state a deadline. A discussion occurred about waivers approved and not approved. Laura explained that a waiver has never been submitted after an election and did not know how the SSCB would vote.

Mike presented the board with the cover letter that was attached to his resume, which was submitted to Ken Lane in 2010. He pointed out that it state his land ownership in Switzerland County. Lisa informed the group that in the fall Ken suggested making a copy of the cover letter and resume and putting it on file. He also reminded the board that it clearly stated on his application that he owned 120 acres in Switzerland.

Dale suggested submitting a waiver to the SSCB and see if they approve it. If not, then the SWCD board should meet and discuss other options. He stated that all elections committees in the future should receive the election checklist, guidelines, and Indiana Code to assure the district is in compliance.

Joe stated that he doesn't feel Mike was qualified at the time of the election. Mike and Dale disagreed that he was. Joe said he wasn't because the waiver wasn't submitted. There was a discussion among the group that elected county officials should hold ownership of land in the county they serve.

Mike asked Joe if he objects to him being appointed. Joe said he doesn't feel he was qualified. Mike reminded Wes that they met at the pond clinic in July 2010 and he spoke about his 120 acres in Switzerland. Mike stated to leave it up to the SSCB and questioned why there is resistance. Joe simply feels he's not qualified.

Steve said that Jarod Chew expressed that he believed the SSCB will not approve the waiver after the fact.

Laura expressed that Nola Gentry's comment at the Annual Conference about the waiver not being a big deal and that it could be submitted after my not stand. She said the SSCB wants the SWCD board decide what should happen and they will review the decision. Dale said it should have been handled at the Annual Conference. He pointed out that the waiver removal received a 79 to 0 vote and that it will be passed July 1st. Wes expressed maybe. Steve said that wasn't passed at the time of the election and still hasn't yet.

Dale assured Mikes qualifications are not at question and to submit the election results and let the SSCB decide.

Wes said that the SWCD board needs to make a decision, because he questions the 10 acre law passing. He reminded everyone that he has been on the board since 1983 and said it has be an issue for as long as he can remember. He said that the way the law is written is subject for interpretation, which he thinks a waiver should have been submitted prior to the election. Wes believes Mike’s name was illegal on the ballot and thinks the vote may have been different if the voters knew of his land status. Mike disagreed and stated that he went around introducing himself to people he didn’t know.

Dale asked if the paperwork with the election results had been submitted. Laura assured everyone that Lisa submitted the paperwork to her. Dale pointed out IC 14-32-4-9 “The chairman shall announce the individuals who have been elected and report the election results to the board”. Mike pointed out IC 24-32-4-11 “Newly elected and appointed supervisors shall assume the duties of the office upon signing an oath of office at the conclusion”.

Dale motioned to submit a waiver to the SSCB. If accepted, then let the election results stand. Dale voted yes, Wes voted No, Joe voted No. (votes not counted; Mike voted yes, Steve voted no)

Mike questioned the word “occupier” in the Indiana Code 14-32-4-1. Dale questioned the word “however” in the Indiana Code 14-32-4-1. Laura Fribley read the following: IC 14-8-2-143 "Land occupier" or "occupier of land" Sec. 143. "Land occupier" or "occupier of land", for purposes of IC 14-32, means a firm, an individual of voting age, a limited liability company, or a corporation that: (1) owns: (A) a life estate; or (B) an interest greater than a life estate; in; or (2) is in legal possession, under an express or implied rental lease, of; a tract of land that is located within a district (as defined in IC 14-8-2-72(2)) or proposed for inclusion within a district under IC 14-32-6.5. As added by P.L. 1-1995, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.3.

Source:<http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title14/ar8/ch2.html>.

Mike informed the group that he leases more than 10 acres in Jefferson County. Steve questioned the lease and Mike stated that it was for hunting, fishing, mulch, and manure and was approximately 30 acres. Steve asked if he had papers to confirm his lease, and Mike stated it was a verbal lease expressed or implied.

Several in the group questioned whether this would be considered a legitimate lease by the SSCB. Wes asked that we present this information to the SSCB and let them vote if Mike is a valid candidate based on the information given. The group unanimously decided to send a letter for the March 8th meeting to the SSCB describing Mike’s land status. The letter will be reviewed by Steve Riley and submitted along with the two meetings minutes.

Joe moved, and Wes second to adjourn the meeting.

***Meeting adjourned at 11:35a.m.**

Minutes approved by:

Date: _____

_____	Chairman	_____	Member
_____	Vice-Chair	_____	Member



Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District
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Hanover, IN 47243
(812) 273-2070 Ext. 3
(812) 273-6110 (Fax)
jeffswcd@yahoo.com

RE: Jefferson County 2011 Election

Date: February 25, 2011

District Supervisors

Steve Riley
Joe Ferguson
Wes Thomas
Dale Sides

Associate Supervisors

Greg Schneider
Mike Pittman
Bill Miller

District Coordinator

Lisa Jones
NRCS
Ken Lane
CPESC
Denise Dailey

State Soil Conservation Board
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear: State Soil Conservation Board

On February 7, 2011 the Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District held its 62nd Annual Meeting and conducted its supervisor election. At the conclusion of counting the ballots it was brought to the election committees' attention that Mike Pittman had won the popular vote against Bill Miller. At that time District Support Specialist, Laura Fribley, stated that a waiver would need to be submitted to exempt Mike from them 10 acre rule. This was the first time that Kerry Brinson, Wes Thomas, Joe Ferguson and I had been made aware that Mike did not own land in Jefferson County.

Since the election we have conducted two public meetings to try to resolve the discrepancies of the miscommunication among all members involved. At the first public meeting held on February 15th there was a great deal of blame placed towards all parties involved and a resolution was not resolved. At the second public meeting held February 22nd there was a long discussion on whether or not Mike Pittman was qualified at the time of the election to be on the ballot. Dale motioned to submit a waiver to the SSCB and if accepted the election results would stand. A vote was taken and documented in bold in the meeting minutes. Dale voted yes, Wes voted no, Joe voted no (*votes not counted; Mike voted yes, Steve voted no*). Draft minutes have been enclosed for your review. Minutes will be reviewed and approved and the next business meeting scheduled for March 10, 2011.

Following the vote stated above the question surrounding the word "occupier" in the Indiana Code 14-32-4-1 arisen. Laura Fribley read the following: IC 14-8-2-143 "Land occupier" or "occupier of land" Sec. 143. "Land occupier" or "occupier of land", for purposes of IC 14-32, means a firm, an individual of voting age, a limited liability company, or a corporation that: (1) owns: (A) a life estate; or (B) an interest greater than a life estate; in; or (2) is in legal possession, under an express or implied rental lease, of; a tract of land that is located within a district (as defined in IC 14-8-2-72(2)) or proposed for inclusion within a district under IC 14-32-6.5. As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.3.

Source:<http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title14/ar8/ch2.html>.

At the conclusion of that description Mike Pittman stated that he leased 20 acres of land in Jefferson County. I asked him if he could provide us with a lease agreement and he stated that he was a verbal agreement. I continued by asking what the nature of the lease was and reluctantly he stated, "hunting, fishing, mulch, and manure", that it was 30 acres leased. Wes, Joe and I question if this would be in compliance with the rules and regulations outlined in the Operations Manuals and the Indiana State Guidelines.

On December 1, 2010 the election nominee's application was submitted by District Coordinator, Lisa Jones, who phoned Mike Pittman and read him each of the line items that were required in the application. Requested was the "Number of acres owned or leased", which at the time of submission Mike Pittman did not state leasing land in either Jefferson or Switzerland Counties. We regret to say that we do not believe at the time of the election the lease was legitimately represented and that information is now being falsified to meet the requirements.

We request that you look at the information submitted in the meeting minutes, and note that Wes, Joe and myself believe that Mike Pittman does not have the best interest of the district in mind but simply the best interest of himself.

Therefore, we ask the State Soil Conservation Board not approve Mike Pittman for supervisor, but rather allow us to appoint former supervisor Bob Kuppler for the one year term at the Jefferson County SWCD. Bob Kuppler and I spoke and he expressed that he would be more than happy to fill the one year term. A waiver has not been submitted by the district at this point. Any paperwork or documentation submitted should be questioned if not on the districts letterhead and signed by me.

Sincerely,

Steve Riley

Steve Riley
Vice-Chairman
Jefferson County SWCD

//enclosures

Pinkston, Jennifer

From: Mike Pittman [mv.pitt@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 5:12 PM
To: Pinkston, Jennifer
Cc: Mike
Subject: March 8 Board Meeting Material - Jefferson County Election Discussion Material
Attachments: SWCDLarryClemens.doc

Jennifer

Please find a letter I've drafted regarding the Jefferson County Election topic which appears on the agenda for the next meeting. I will also be attending this meeting, but wanted the Soil Board members to have this info as background.
Thanks - Mike

MIKE PITTMAN
C 574-361-6183

March 1, 2011

Dear Indiana State Soil Board

I feel compelled to write for your assistance with the Jefferson County 2011 Annual Election. This was held February 7, 2011 in Madison, Indiana. I was elected and sworn in as the new Jefferson County SWCD Supervisor.

Many people have been discussing the election and my qualifications for being a District Supervisor. I'm including a time line of my involvement with the Jefferson SWCD.

There is no doubt from the reaction of Wes, Joe, and Steve, they were not happy with the election results. I've discussed my farming activities and where my farm was located on many occasions since meeting each of the board members. Please see the time line.

I've also detailed the location of my farm in both a resume and letter which have been in my file at the Jefferson County SWCD office since October 2010. My business cards also have Switzerland County, Vevay, Indiana clearly printed on the front.

Some of the questions I have about this election are:

- What did the Election Committee do to qualify the candidates on the ballot?
- What materials did the Election Committee use?
- Did they follow established procedures?
- Why wasn't a waiver submitted if it was clearly stated in the operations manual?
- No one understood the word "occupier" until Laura Fribley looked up the definition in her computer at the February 22 Board Meeting. Why?
- The citizens of Jefferson County who voted for me knew of my passion and desire to improve conservation of soil and water in Jefferson County. They also knew where my farms are located, why didn't the other supervisors know listed in Steve Riley's letter?
- Why am I not listed as a District Supervisor since the election?

I took an oath to faithfully discharge the duties of Supervisor of the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District. My intentions are to live up to that oath and the expectations of voters in the Jefferson County District. It's disappointing that 3 persons are trying to overturn a fair election. I trust your ruling will allow me to serve my term as elected in spite of the actions of the District Coordinator, and the Jefferson County SWCD election committee in conducting this election.

TIME LINE

July 31, 2010 : Pond clinic - field day where I met Dale Sides (who had previously done work on my Switzerland County Farm), Lisa Jones, Wes Thomas. Dale introduced me to Wes and we all discussed farming. I told him about our tree farm in Switzerland County and he discussed how he had helped farm in the area where the pond clinic was conducted. Dale told me he was a Jefferson County Supervisor along with Wes. Dale asked me to come to a meeting and see what it was all about.

August 12, 2010 : I called Ken Lane and asked him about the position and he directed me to ISDA web site to get more information on what a SWCD Supervisor does. He also asked me to send a letter if I was still interested after reviewing the roles and responsibilities. I sent Ken the letter he requested and my resume. Those were placed in my SWCD file in October 2010.

I attended the Jefferson County SWCD Board meeting as a guest.

September 9, 2010 (Board Meeting) – Kerry Brinson asked me if I wanted to be an Associate Supervisor. I believe a motion was made and passed, but it's not reflected in the minutes. I am listed as an Associate Supervisor. I was listed as a guest in August.

October 21, 2010 (Board Meeting) – District election was discussed. Dale Sides proposed I be appointed to the Jefferson County SWCD Board. The Board did not agree and put Joe Ferguson in the appointed position and said I could run for the elected position. I mentioned the farm I owned was in Switzerland County, not in Jefferson County. The 10 acre rule was brought up and stated to be on the board, a person must own 10 acres in the county of the election. Laura Fribley stated the 10 acre rule was no longer an issue since it had been voted out last year (2010) at the State Meeting.

November 21, 2010 (Board Meeting) – I attended & participated in the November Board Meeting.

December 9, 2010 (Board Meeting) – I attended and participated in the December Board Meeting.

January 10-12, 2011 – I attended the Indiana SWCD State Meeting in Indianapolis. This was an excellent meeting and convinced me even more, I could contribute to the Jefferson County SWCD as a board member.

In one of the sessions it was mentioned that the 10 acre rule was still in effect since it had to be passed into law before coming effective. I was surprised to learn that no waiver had been submitted with my application. I was told the waiver could be submitted after the election.

TIME LINE (continued)

January 13, 2011 (Board Meeting) – I attended and participated in the January Board Meeting. Laura Fribley was also in attendance. She did not give any guidance to the Board on the 10 acre rule.

February 7, 2011 (Board Meeting) – The Jefferson County SWCD Dinner and election was held. The meeting was conducted based on the dinner program with the exception that Bill Miller and I were asked to say why we wanted to be on the SWCD Board. I went home that evening feeling very good and ready to get started in my new role. I sent an email regarding the need for my waiver since I had won the election.

February 15, 2011 (Board Meeting) – Meeting was held to discuss election. All board members, except Dale Sides, claim they did not know the farm I own was in Switzerland County. Steve, Joe, and Wes (by phone) want to invalidate the election and ask former supervisors if they want to be board members. No motions regarding any resolution were made and the meeting was adjourned after 90 minutes of discussion.

February 22, 2011 (Board Meeting) – Meeting held again to discuss election. Motion made to submit a waiver to the State Soil Board. The motion did not pass. Discussion held on the technical details of the election. The word occupier is reviewed and found to mean more than owner. I enthusiastically disclosed I lease over 10 acres in Jefferson County. This is the first time I was ever asked if I leased land. Prior to this, everyone was talking owning more than 10 acres. Meeting concluded with Steve Riley committing to write a letter to the State Soil Board. Situation resolved.

I'm currently planning on attending the Indiana State Soil Conservation Board Meeting on March 8th. I look forward to meeting with you and discussing this situation. I was fortunate to attend the December 2010 Cornerstones of Leadership Institute held in Madison, Indiana. I was particularly impressed by the Measures of Excellence. There were 9 listed, however, I believe the first point may help define this situation:

“1. The district is governed by a Board of Supervisors that possesses diverse backgrounds, talents, skills, and experiences.”

Regards

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CERTIFIED BALLOT SUPERVISOR ELECTION
Jefferson COUNTY SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2011 ANNUAL MEETING

FOR SUPERVISOR

Bill Miller

(Vote for **ONE**)

Mike Pitman

SWCD Annual meeting Voter Eligibility

An individual of voting age or a representative of a firm, company, or corporation that owns or rents land/property located within the district/county may vote. (Eligible individuals also include the owner and tenant of the same land/property as well as any owner's or tenant's spouse.)

State Soil Conservation Board Meeting

NRCS State Conservationist Report

March 2011

Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)

NRCS typically has a backlog of WRP applications, and is able to bring in additional dollars that other states can't utilize. This year NRCS does not have enough applications at this point to utilize the \$6.5 million available for WRP. NRCS accepts applications for WRP continuously, but this year, will evaluate and rank the applications in hand on March 25th to see how much of the funding can be assigned to Indiana WRP applications. NRCS is asking for help from SWCDs in promoting WRP on eligible lands where it is appropriate.

The Nature Conservancy has offered to reimburse targeted SWCDs for supply and mailing costs to do a direct mailing to landowners (\$.85 per letter, with a cap of \$350 per SWCD). IASWCD has provided this information to the affected SWCDs, along with template letters for their use (attached).

ICP Training Initiative

The Indiana Conservation Partnership (ICP) is pleased to announce its joint comprehensive Training and Certification Program for technical staff. A letter and white paper have been sent to all SWCDs detailing the background, general scope, and determined outcomes of this program, as well as a copy of the ICP Training and Certification Program Agreement.

Public Comments Requested: Conservation Practice Standards

USDA has revised or developed several conservation practice standards, including nutrient management, and published them in the Federal Register for public comment through February 25. All comments will be considered and the final standards will be adopted after the 45-day public comment period has closed. Standards open for comment include:

- Aquatic Organism Passage (Code 396)
- Bivalve Aquaculture Waste Control (Code 400)
- Cross Wind Trap Strips (Code 589c)
- Irrigation Field Ditch (Code 388)
- Waste Facility Closure (Code 360)

To view the Federal Register notice, please visit: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/pdf/2011-373.pdf>

Natural Resources Assessment

Indiana NRCS will be conducting a State Resource Assessment this spring and summer. The Assessment will provide a science-based, qualitative and quantitative picture of natural resource concerns within Indiana. The Assessment will use the best available natural resource data with a foundation of national geospatial data and enhanced by regional and State level geospatial data. The information will be general in nature and will not be a substitute for a field-level resource assessment. The methodology is designed to support area wide and watershed planning and financial assistance ranking, as appropriate.

The nine major resource concern categories are:

- 1) Soil Erosion
- 2) Soil Quality Degradation
- 3) Excess/Inefficient Water
- 4) Water Quality Degradation
- 5) Degraded Plant Condition
- 6) Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife
- 7) Livestock Production Limitation
- 8) Inefficient Energy Use
- 9) Air Quality Impacts

NRCS Initiatives & Partnership Opportunities in Indiana

Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) – Targets EQIP funding to conserve ground and surface water or improve water quality through a regional approach. www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/awep

- Michigan Association of Conservation Districts, St. Joseph (Michigan) Project in Indiana and Michigan, funded FY09 through FY12 (includes portions of St. Joseph, Elkhart, Lagrange, Steuben, Kosciusko, Noble, and Dekalb counties).
- LaPorte County SWCD, funded FY09 through FY13.

Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI) – Targets EQIP, CSP and/or WHIP funding to target needs and geographic areas identified by the applicant. www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/technical/cig

- Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry focusing on invasive species control statewide, funded FY09 through FY12.
- Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District for irrigation projects through EQIP, funded FY10 through FY14.
- The Nature Conservancy Two-Stage Ditch EQIP project. EQIP funding FY09 and FY10, continued monitoring through November 2011.
- Two DNR Fish and Wildlife WHIP projects (Woody Cover and Regeneration). EQIP funding for FY10, continued monitoring through December 2012 and November 2013.

Wetland Reserve Enhancement Program (WREP) – Targets WRP funding to protect, restore and enhance high priority wetlands and improve wildlife habitat. www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp (click on 2010 Wetland Reserve Enhancement Program (WREP) Request for Proposals)

- The Nature Conservancy project in Southwest Indiana, connecting existing WRP easement sites along the Wabash River corridor in a nine county area (Fountain, Parke, Sullivan, Vigo, Vermillion, Warren, Gibson, Knox and Posey), as well as six Illinois counties. WRP funding FY10 through FY14.

Mississippi River Basin Initiative (MRBI) – Implements conservation practices that avoid, control, and trap nutrient runoff; improve wildlife habitat; and maintain ag productivity through CCPI, WREP and CIG. <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/mrbi/overview.html>

- Greater Wabash RC&D, Wildcat Creek (includes portions of Clinton, Carroll, Howard, Tippecanoe, and Tipton Counties). EQIP and WHIP funding FY10 through FY12.
- Manchester College, Middle Eel Initiative (includes portions of Fulton, Kosciusko, Miami, Wabash, and Whitley Counties). EQIP funding FY10 through FY13.

Indiana Special Projects & Initiatives

