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 Burris 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**