

AGENDA
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

July 20, 2021

SureTech Laboratories and Virtual
7501 Miles Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46231
MS Teams Virtual Option

Present:

Amy Burris (Board Member)
Kenny Cain (Board Member)
Ray Chattin (Board Member)
Trevor Laureys
Jennifer Thum
Geneva Tyler
Claire Rekeweg
Leah Harmon

Present electronically (via MS Teams)

Bob Eddleman (Board Member)	Andrea Gogel	Jerry Raynor
Warren Baird (Board Member)	Greg Lake	Amanda Robbins
Tara Wesseler-Henry	Danielle Hall	Katie Secrest
Jordan Seger	Lisa Holscher	Sheryl Vaughn
Nathan Stoelting	Heath Hurst	Nathaniel Warenski
Joe Miller	Kerry Haver	Kayla Welter
Cress Hizer	Kristen Latzke	Joe Schmees
David Bradway	Jessica Rayburn	

- I. 9:37 am.: Call to Order by Chair Amy Burris**
- II. Approve Minutes of April 2021** Motion made by Kenny Cain. 2nd by Ray Chattin. Motion passed.
- III. Clean Water Indiana**
 - a. Clean Water Indiana Grants Program- Please see attached report
 - b. Clean Water Indiana modifications
 1. Grant County SWCD- Modification was tabled until next meeting. More discussion was needed from the district to the DSSs.
 2. Lawrence County SWCD (2021)- Motion to approve by Kenny Cain. 2nd by Ray Chattin. Roll call vote: all approved.
 3. Montgomery County SWCD- Motion to approve by Ray Chattin 2nd by Bob Eddleman. Roll call vote: all approved.
 4. Scott County SWCD- Motion to approve by Kenny Cain. 2nd by Bob Eddleman. Roll call vote: all approved. Warren Baird on virtual and could not vote due to technical difficulties.
 5. Wayne County SWCD- Motion to approve by Kenny Cain. 2nd by Warren Baird. Roll call vote: all approved.
 - c. Discussion about CWI Grant modifications to allow District Support Specialists to approve grant modifications when the modification asks for funds to be transferred from one cost share

budgeted item to another cost share. Motion approved by Bob Eddlemen. 2nd by Ray Chattin. Roll call vote: all approved.

d. Clean Water Indiana Non-SWCD led Concept Paper

1. Maumee Watershed Alliance, Inc.-Greg Lake, Allen Co SWCD, talked about the Alliance and the proposal. Motion was made by Ray Chattin to allow the Maumee Watershed Alliance, Inc., to submit a CWI 2022 application to be ranked with SWCD CWI applications. 2nd by Kenny Cain. Roll call vote: approved by Kenny Cain, Ray Chattin, Warren Baird, and non approval by Bob Eddlemen.

IV. State Soil Conservation Board Business

- a. Budget - Trevor Laureys presented information on the budget. See attached. DSC able to roll over funds saved to get close to the previous year. Discussion by Ray Chattin about the recent announcement of extra state funds. Motion made by Ray Chattin to have him draft a letter to the Governor from the SSCB about concerns of extra funds not being used to fund departments and programs that were cut. 2nd by Kenny Cain. Roll call vote: all approved.

V. Soil and Water Conservation Districts

- a. Franklin County SWCD- Motion made by Bob Eddleman to approve the temporary appointment of Darren Bommer for Michael Schwab position. 2nd by Kenny Cain. Motion approved.
- b. Posey County SWCD- Motion made by Ray Chattin to approve the temporary appointment of Ryan Benton for Larry Burkhardt's position due to his passing. 2nd by Kenny Cain. Motion approved

IX. Public Comment

CCSI-Lisa Holscher highlighted the extension of the CCSI grants and shared what projects had been funded. She talked about working with the Purdue research farms to help them with soil health needs. CCSI is working with potential donors for cover crop seed.

IASWCD- Joe Schmees highlighted the River Farmer award ceremony at the State Fair and the District Showcase award visits. See submitted report.

NRCS-Jerry Raynor highlighted Urban ag grants, the Wetland program, RCCP, and other federal grant opportunities that districts might consider for funding needs.

CREP- See submitted report by Julie Harrold

X. Next Meeting:

2021 Meeting Date

- September 21, TBD
- October 26, TBD

- XI. Motion was made by Bob Eddleman to adjourn. 2nd by Kenny Cain. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 am.