MINUTES
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
January 23, 2022
The Westin, Indianapolis
241 W Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46204
MS Teams

Present
Amy Burris (Board Member) Deb Barnett Danielle Waldschmidt
Kenny Cain (Board Member) Billy Pigg Chris Lee
Brad Dawson (Board Member) Joe Rorick
Trevor Laureys Lois Man
Geneva Tyler Elli Blaine
Julie Harrold Jan Came
Tara Wesseler-Henry Sheila Schroder
Amy Work Kristin Miller
Joe Schmees Mark Darnold
Lisa Holscher Cress Hizer
Cathy Becker Casey Kennett
Roger Wenning Jamie Perry
Dan Hovland Mary Lou Watson
Clevie Bennett Troy Hattery
Christopher Nettles Terri Ault

I. 3:04 pm.: Call to Order by Chair Amy Burris
II. Approve Minutes of October 2021 motion by Brad Dawson 2nd Kenny Cain
Roll Call vote: All approved

III. Clean Water Indiana
   The CWI hand out was highlighted.
   Trevor Laureys went over the CWI budget overview document (attached). Questions
   from Larry Clemens concerning the CREP budget. Trevor indicated more would be
   known closer to end of the year.
   Kenny asked if anything had been said or happened since the letter to the governor asking
   for the extra state funds to be considered for ISDA DSC staff and Indiana conservation.
   DSC was cut 15%, but the state had a surplus. Amy reported there had not been any
   response yet.
   Cress Hizer spoke about the short session occurring with the $5 billion surplus. Larry
   brought up the aging of the PWQ and brought up considering funds towards that
   initiative.

   Trevor highlighted the Director’s report: staffing updates, INFA, Hypoxia Task Force HR 3684
   and Cover Crop Insurance program.

IV. State Soil Conservation Board Business
Appointment of Officers and Committees:
Kenny Cain for chair. 2nd by Ray Chattin
Roll call vote: All approved
Vice chair: Ray Chattin nominated as Vice Chair. 2nd by Brad Dawson.
Roll call vote: Larry-yes, Brad-yes, Ray-yes, Warren-no, Kenny-yes

CWI Grants Committee – Brad Dawson moved to keep the grants committee the same. Kenny can’t be on the committee as chair. Motion removed, no second. Brad Dawson moved to put Amy Burris in place of Kenny on the grants committee. 2nd by Ray Chatting
Roll Call Vote: All voted yes.
2022 Grants committee members are: Brad Dawson, Amy Burris, and Larry Clemens.

Executive Committee- Executive Session: Discussion on whether to reactivate the executive committee. Larry gave a recap of the past function of the executive committee. Executive committee will be remain inactive and only used as needed.

CCSI Oversight Committee- Brad Dawson motioned for Kenny to stay on the executive oversight committee. 2nd by Ray Chattin.
Roll call vote: All voted yes.

V. Soil and Water Conservation Districts
   a. SWCD Supervisor Appointments- Presented by Geneva Tyler
      Motion by Larry Clemens to accept the 2022 Supervisor Appointments. 2nd by Kenny Cain
      Roll call vote: All voted yes
   b. Annual Meeting Election Committee deadline – Tara Wesseler-Henry presented materials for the election committee deadline.
      Joe Schmees brought up the process of assigning temporary supervisors if they miss the deadline.
      Kenny talked about the lack of recruitment of supervisors and the process to find supervisors.

Brad Dawson moved that if an election committee deadline was missed in 2021 the district is allowed to continue to have their election for the 2022 year. The SSCB will have a policy together by the May 17th meeting regarding deadlines. 2nd by Larry Clemens.
Roll Call vote: Kenny-yes, Ray-yes, Warren-no vote due to technical issues, Amy-yes, Brad-yes Motion approved.

c. Temporary appointments
   i. Bartholomew Co SWCD- Tara Wesseler-Henry
   ii. Jay Co SWCD - Tara Wesseler-Henry
   iii. Shelby Co SWCD - Tara Wesseler-Henry
      Motion made by Kenny Cain to accept the Bartholomew, Jay, and Shelby Co appointments. 2nd by Brad Dawson. Roll Call vote: Kenny-yes, Ray-yes, Warren-no vote due to technical issues, Amy-yes, Brad-yes. Motion approved.
   iv. LaPorte Co SWCD- Geneva Tyler
   v. Tipton Co SWCD - Geneva Tyler
   vi. Warren Co SWCD- Geneva Tyler
Motion made by Larry Clemens to accept the LaPorte, Tipton, and Warren Co appointments.  2nd by Kenny Cain.  Roll Call vote:  Kenny-yes, Ray-yes, Warren-no vote due to technical issues, Amy-yes, Brad-yes.  Motion approved.

vii.  Monroe Co SWCD - Nathan Stoelting
Motion made by Brad Dawson to accept the Monroe Co appointment.  2nd by Ray Chattin. Roll Call vote:  Kenny-yes, Ray-yes, Warren-no vote due to technical issues, Amy-yes, Brad-yes.  Motion approved.

VI.  ICP Reports
CREP and Water Quality- Julie Harrold highlighted the CREP accomplishments and referenced the handouts. She talked about the State Nutrient Reduction Strategy and the Science Assessment. Purdue has been very involved with a Science Committee. The website has more information on the Science Assessment and its resources.  Larry encouraged that at a future SSCB meeting have a presentation about the Science Assessment.

VII.  Public Comment
CCSI- Lisa Holscher presented highlights and upcoming events.  See report.
IASWCD- Joe Schmees gave updates and highlights.  Please see attachments.
Purdue- Joe Rorick gave updates for Purdue.
Urban Soil Health Program- Ellie Blane gave updates.
NRCS- Dan Hovland gave a report.  Highlighted deadlines and Region Conservation Partnership program.  2021 Annual Report is in the conference packet. He highlighted staffing update.  Two more soil health trailers will be coming in 2022.  See report.

Adjourned at 5:10pm.  Motion made by Brad Dawson.  2nd by Kenny Cain.  Motion approved.