

**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)  
Kenny Cain (Board Member)  
Brad Dawson (Board Member)  
Trevor Laureys  
Geneva Tyler  
Julie Harrold  
Tara Wesseler-Henry  
Amy Work  
Joe Schmees  
Lisa Holscher  
Cathy Becker  
Roger Wenning  
Dan Hovland  
Clevie Bennett  
Christopher Nettles

Julie Clark  
Deb Barnett  
Billy Pigg  
Joe Rorick  
Lois Man  
Elli Blaine  
Jan Came  
Sheila Schroder  
Kristin Miller  
Mark Darnold  
Cress Hizer  
Casey Kennett  
Jamie Perry  
Mary Lou Watson  
Troy Hattery  
Terri Ault

Danielle Waldschmidt  
Chris Lee

**Present Electronically (via phone)**

Warren Baird

**Present Electronically (via MS Teams)**

Larry Clemens  
(Board Member)  
Ray Chattin (Board Member)  
Nathan Stoelting  
Kris Gertz

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

**III. Clean Water Indiana**

- a. Clean Water Indiana Grants- Tara Wesseler-Henry

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. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Chattin

Roll call vote: All approved

Vice chair: Ray Chattin nominated as Vice Chair. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding deadlines. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Cain. Motion approved.