MINUTES
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
March 16, 2021
Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

Present
Ray Chattin              Jenny Rowland              John Hazlett
Brad Dawson             Kenny Cain              Teri Lents
Amy Burris              Jennifer Thum              Bob Eddleman
Angela Jackson           Julie Harrold              Warren Baird
George Reger            Laura Fribley              Julie Clark
Sheryl Vaughn           Nathan Stoelting              Joe Schmees
Tara Wesseler-Henry     Geneva Tyler              Mike Johnson
Jordan Seger            Leah Harmon              Amy Sims
Linda Voglund           Eric Shideler              Lori Jordan
Jerry Raynor            Amy Work              Lisa Holscher
Nathaniel Worenski      Larry Clemens

I. 9:32 am.: Call to Order by chair Amy Burris
II. Approve Minutes of January 2021. Motion made by Brad Dawson and 2nd Kenny Cain. Approved
III. Clean Water Indiana
   a. Clean Water Indiana Grants- Geneva Tyler
      See attached report.
   b. Clean Water Indiana Grants Committee- Brad Dawson
      Motion made by Brad Dawson to pay training dollar requests of $6,774. 2nd by Ray Chattin.
      Approved
      See attached report
      Next grant guidance (2022) at least one supervisor attend annual conference.
      Brad moved to adopt the recommendations. 2nd by Bob Eddleman. Approved.
      Clarification requested by John Hazlett. The in-kind recommendation and the 10% remaining in funds would take effect immediately for all active grants.
   c. CWI Communications Policy- Laura Fribley
      See attachment. Motion by Kenny Cain to update the Communication policy with the Reporting Requirements. 2nd by Bob Eddleman. Approved
   d. CWI Roles and Responsibilities- Laura Fribley
      See attachment.
   e. LaPorte Grant Modification- Geneva Tyler
      Motion made by Bob Eddleman. 2nd by Kenny Cain. Approved.
   f. Washington Grant Modification- Laura Fribley
      Motion made by Brad Dawson. 2nd by Larry Clemmons. Approved

IV. State Soil Conservation Board Business
   a. Chairman’s report- Amy Burris
      No report at this time.
   b. ISDA Budget update- Jordan Seger
      Reminder, fiscal year goes to June 30th. CWI currently sitting at 3.9% of beginning balance, this is good. Next meeting do we role this over to 2022, something to think about until then.
      Division of Soil Conservation budget - Dedicated cig funds $276,000 balance-100,000 for CREP and remaining funds to roll over to CWI 2022 grants.
What is ahead: Session is currently debating budget. Budget starts July 1. Currently, 15% cut across the board, including CWI. This would be 50% more than what we experienced this current fiscal year. Positive, we are hearing that the cuts could go away, but haven’t seen yet on paper.
Increase cig tax per pack is being debated now.

V. Soil and Water Conservation Districts
   a. Benton SWCD- Geneva Tyler
   b. Floyd SWCD- Laura Fribley
   c. Montgomery SWCD- Nathan Stoelting
   d. Starke SWCD-Geneva Tyler
   e. Steuben SWCD- Jennifer Thum
   f. Tippecanoe SWCD-Geneva Tyler
   g. Warren SWCD-Geneva Tyler

Motion made by Kenny Cain to accept all temporary appointments and temporary elected positions. 2nd by Bob Eddleman. Approved.

IX. Partner Reports: Please see attached submitted reports

X. Next Meeting:
   2021 Meeting Dates
   • May 18, TBD
   • July 20, TBD
   • September 21, TBD
   • October 26*, TBD

XI. Plan of Work- Laura Fribley and Nathan Stoelting went through the Plan of Work with the Board. Bob suggested adopting priorities with 5 votes (highlighted green priorities). Nathan and Laura will prepare the Plan of Work to be presented and adopted at the May 18th meeting.

XII. Adjourn: Kenny Cain moved to adjourn. Time: 12:41pm