MINUTES
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
May 18, 2021
SureTech Laboratories
7501 Miles Dr, Indianapolis, IN 462
Virtual Option Available

Present:
Ray Chattin   (Board Member)
Amy Burris   (Board Member)
Kenny Cain   (Board Member)
Trevor Laureys
Julie Harrold
Geneva Tyler

Present electronically (via Teams)
Brad Dawson   (Board Member)
Bob Eddleman   (Board Member)
Warren Baird   (Board Member)
Larry Clemens   (Board Member)
Tara Wesseler-Henry
Joe Schmees
Lisa Holscher
Leah Harmon
Mark Thomas
Darci Zolman
Jordan Seger
Jessica Rayburn
Jerry Raynor
Jennifer Thum
Laura Friable
Julie Harrold
Nathan Stoelting
Nellie Peffley
Walt Sell
Andrea Gogel
David Bradway
Diane Turner
Shelby Huff
Kerry WH
Lois Mann
Melania Palaisa
Shane Gretencord
Staci Wooley
Katie Secrest

9:33 am.: Call to Order by Chair Amy Burris

Approve Minutes of April 2021
Motion made by Ray Chattin.  2nd by Kenny Cain. Roll Call vote: Approved

Clean Water Indiana
 a. Clean Water Indiana Grants Program- Geneva Tyler  (See attached report)
   Motion by Larry Clemmons to approve 2022 CWI Grant Guidance  2nd by Ray Chattin  Roll call vote: Approved

c. Clean Water Indiana Extension Requests
   1. Clinton SWCD- Geneva Tyler - Withdrawn extension to see how the next year goes.
State Soil Conservation Board Business

a. Plan of Work- Laura Fribley and Nathan Stoelting
   Motion by Ray Chattin to move the Plan of Work to a public visible document. 2nd by Kenny Cain. Roll Call vote: approved. (Warren and Bob were unable to vote due to technical difficulties.)

b. Budget update- Jordan Seger
   Congratulations to Trevor Laureys, new ISDA-DSC Director. Presented proposed game plan for dealing with state budget cuts. Asked for feedback, advice, et. Please see attached Director Report for more details.
   Just a heads up, fiscal year 2023 we will likely see a larger cut.
   For CREP and the proposed changes, keeping our obligations, we will not be turning landowners away, and landowners will be getting paid. Larry made mention that we need to make sure that third party donations may not be quick to happen if they see the state stepping away with funds. Ray shared Larry’s concern of losing federal return on investment, we can shift dollars from CWI funds to CREP if we need to in the future. CREP has potential to decline due to high crop prices. ISDA is monitoring the trends. A vast majority of our field staff are devoted to CREP.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts (See attached documents)

a. Jefferson SWCD- Laura Fribley
b. Newton SWCD- Geneva Tyler
c. Shelby SWCD- Tara Wesseler-Henry
d. Wabash SWCD- Katie Seacrest
e. Clinton SWCD-Geneva Tyler

Motion made by Kenny Cain to approve all temporary elected and appointed. 2nd by Brad Dawson. Roll Call vote approved. (Warren Baird unable to vote due to technical difficulties)

ISDA Reports

a. DSC Director- Trevor Laureys
   1. Reminded SSCB of terms expiring in November. Expressing intent to continue on the board should be communicated sooner rather than later. Anyone with interest in SSCB board positions should contact Trevor Laureys.
   2. Please see the attached Director Report. Highlighted dashboard of key performance measures on website.

b. CREP and Water Quality- Julie Harrold
   See attached report.

IX. Public Comment

Opportunity was given for ICP staff and partners to provide verbal updates and highlight their written reports. It was expressed that anyone wishing to be added to future agendas may request as such.

Addition to DSS report-Laura Fribley:
Looking at a grant writing workshop, however, speakers have fees. For the future we would like to consider funds from the SSCB for a grant writing workshop. CWI Networking Sessions and Virtual Tuesday trainings with IASWCD.

CCSI-Lisa Holscher: Please see the attached report. Highlighted state wide virtual report and the grants.

Next Meeting:

2021 Meeting Date

- July 20, TBD
– September 21, TBD

Adjourned at 11:22am Motion by Kenny Cain. 2nd by Ray Chattin.

– October 26*, TBD