



SWITZERLAND COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Switzerland County SWCD
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Supervisors Present

Ken Briggs
Chase Kelso
John Schroer

SWCD Present

Cheryl Furnish
Katie Collier

Guests Present

Not Present

Jeanette Andrew
David Schuler

NRCS Present

Previous Board Minutes

The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed. Chase moved and John seconded to approve the minutes and all were in favor. Board members present signed the minutes.

Financial Report

The November and December claims were reviewed. Katie told the board of a mishap with a check that was paid to the credit card company. The check was written for \$100 but was cashed for \$10. The credit card company charged the SWCD interest and would not remove the fee even though the mistake was on their end. Katie wrote a second check for the difference and all is documented for auditing purposes. Chase moved and John seconded to pay the claims and all were in favor. Board members present signed the account payable voucher register.

Office Closing

All county offices will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Annual Meeting

The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1st at the Tech Center in Vevay. The meal will be catered by The Rolling Pin and will begin at 6:30 with the doors opening at 6. The board decided to not give away trees this year but to do the same giveaways as last year because they were well received. After some discussion, the board decided to honor Danny Works as Conservation Farmer of the Year and Kenny Riley as Silver Star Farmer. Katie will notify the award winners and their families.

Annual Conference

The highlight of the conference was the Peterson Brothers. The three brothers talked about being advocates for Agriculture and how their journey began five years ago on the family farm in Kansas. Their videos have been viewed 55 million times on YouTube and they travel around the world discussing Agriculture.

Upcoming Meetings

Purdue Extension is hosting a soil testing workshop on February 21st at Bear Branch Fire Department. The SWCD is working on coordinating a Conservation Breakfast with PARP Certification on a date in March. Once we hear back from the speakers the date will be set.

Indian-Kentuck Watershed

A payment was turned in to IDEM in December for review. There will be a steering committee meeting this month.

Technician Report

Cheryl has been working on EQIP applications. So far there are 26 applications for Switzerland County.

Other

The 2017 SWCD review was presented this evening at the county council meeting. Katie will also attend the commissioners meeting on Tuesday to present the year end review. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 7th at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Collier