



SWITZERLAND COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Switzerland County SWCD
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Supervisors Present

Ken Briggs
John Schroer
David Schuler

SWCD Present

Cheryl Furnish
Katie Collier

Guests Present

Not Present

Chase Kelso
Jeanette Andrew

NRCS Present

Matt Jarvis

Previous Board Minutes

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

Financial Report

The December claims were reviewed. David 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 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, March 23rd at 6:30pm at the Jack Sullivan Building. The Rolling Pin will cater and guests will be charged \$10 for tickets. The board discussed possible award winners and entertainment for the meeting. After the discussion it was decided that Bobby Johnson would be awarded the Conservation Farmer of the Year Award and Donald and Lulubelle Thomas will be honored with the Silver Star award. A portion of Follow the River will be shown at the meeting. Katie will ask Terry Stephenson to give a brief history of the movie and tell who was involved. The board decided to not give away trees this year. They decided to use the money that would usually be spent on trees to buy door prizes.

Annual Conference

Katie and Matt will be attending the annual conference in Indianapolis on January 23rd and 24th.

Beef Meeting and Healthy Soils for the Grazing Farmer

9 people were in attendance for the beef meeting held at Bear Branch. A BOAH Doctor was present to discuss the Bovine TB outbreak along with Dr. Parker who discussed the new medicated feed guidelines. On February 2nd at 6 the Healthy Soils for the Grazing Farmer workshop will be held at Bear Branch. We will be discussing the importance of soils testing and how to read a soil test. Also discussing pasture and hay land renovation and types of fencing for grazing animals.

Indian-Kentuck Watershed

Switzerland County submitted another payment for \$1400 for a watering facility and HUAP. Cheryl is currently waiting on receipts for work completed in Jefferson County.

Technician Report

A cover crop payment has been submitted for the CWI grant with Ripley County.

NRCS

The contribution agreements have been approved by the state and were set to begin on January 1st. According to the cover crop transect around 7% of Switzerland County crop ground had a cover crop planted on it in 2016. Matt is taking EQIP applications until the deadline on January 20th and the same for CSP applications until the deadline of February 3rd. Matt discussed the CSP program with the board. Ohio County will be hosting two pasture walks this spring.

Other

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1st at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Collier