



SWITZERLAND COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Switzerland County SWCD
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Supervisors Present

Ken Briggs
Chase Kelso
John Schroer
David Schuler

SWCD Present

Cheryl Furnish
Katie Collier

Guests Present

Not Present

Jeanette Andrew

NRCS Present

Matt Jarvis

Previous Board Minutes

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

Financial Report

The January claims were reviewed. Chase moved and David seconded to pay the claims and all were in favor. Board members present signed the account payable voucher register.

Historic Hoosier Hills Dues

The dues request has not yet been received. It will be presented at the April board meeting.

Office Closing

County offices will be closed on February, 19th in observance of President's Day.

Government Shutdown

If the government is to shutdown on Friday, February 9th the SWCD employees are not permitted to stay in the NRCS office or to work on the computers. Depending on the length of the shutdown the SWCD employees have space available for them at the extension office and courthouse.

Supervisor Workshop

A flyer for the upcoming supervisor workshop taking place in Vevay was given to board members and discussed. Anyone interested in attending needs to let Katie know so she can get them registered.

Internal Controls

Katie gave each board member an updated version of the internal controls document for their review. The updated document will be discussed and voted on at the April board meeting.

Annual Meeting

Everything is on track for the annual meeting. The award winners interview will be in the paper the week prior to the event. The annual report will run in the paper the day of the event. Both winners have been contacted and will be attending.

Upcoming Workshops

Healthy Soils for the Grazing Farmer will be on February 21st at Bear Branch Fire Department starting at 6:30. Matt and Vickie have put together some folders with sample soils tests results. The conservation breakfast will be Friday, March 9th at 8:30 at the Bear Branch Fire Department. The focus will be on goats and a parp certification will take place.

Indian-Kentuck Watershed

The steering committee met in January at Historic Hoosier Hills. \$66,000 has been paid to producers in the three counties. Cheryl has added 3 new applicants this year. Around \$150,000 needs to be spent before a new grant can be written for another round of funding.

NRCS

Matt discussed the new iinvasives management cost share program with the board. The board asked what the focus of the group would be on woodland or cropland invasives? The county group, if one is formed, would decide the focus. The cover crop transects were completed in Switzerland County last week. The Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist was reviewed and discussed. Board members present signed and dated the document. Switzerland County has 18 eligible EQIP applications that will be completed and sent for review by March 9th. The three counties are working on a pond workshop that will take place on April 5th.

Other

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 1st at 6:30 pm at the Tech Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Collier