



SWITZERLAND COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Switzerland County SWCD
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Supervisors Present

Ken Briggs
John Schroer
Chase Kelso
David Schuler

SWCD Present

Cheryl Furnish
Katie Collier

Guests Present

Not Present

Jeanette Andrew

NRCS Present
Matt Jarvis

Election of Officers

David moved to nominate Ken for Chairman of the Board and John seconded. All were in favor. David nominated John for Vice Chairman and Chase seconded. All were in favor. John moved to appoint Katie as Treasurer and Cheryl as Assistant Treasurer and Chase seconded. All were in favor.

Previous Board Minutes

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

Financial Report

The February and March 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.

Food Policy

David moved and Chase seconded to renew the District's Food Policy that was put in place last year. All were in favor. The policy has to be renewed each year.

Workshops

The tree workshop will take place on April 20th at Bear Branch Fire Department. The area forester Allie Kline will be one of the main speakers. A goat management workshop will be held in Ohio County on May 22nd along with a pasture walk for cattle on May 23rd.

PSS Agreements

Ken signed the PSS Agreement contract for Katie and Cheryl. Work began on January 1st and the agreements run for 3 years.

Annual Meeting Recap

Everyone seemed pleased with the new location at the Tech Center along with the presentation of Take the River. The group discussed the problems that occurred with the caterer. The board will revisit the idea of a new caterer for next year's annual meeting. The group also discussed arranging the chairs differently next year to allow for more conversation.

Ag. Day

All the plans have been made for the 4th grade Ag. Day on May 17th at the fairgrounds. This will be the largest group of students we have had for Ag. Day.

4H Sponsor

The board received a plaque sponsor letter for the 2017 Soil and Water Conservation plaque. All board members were in favor of sponsoring it again this year.

EMA Request

The EMA and Purdue Extension are working together to purchase a grain bin rescue tube for the county. They are asking for donations to help purchase the \$3000 piece of equipment. The board asked Katie to inquire about where it will be stored and to get some pictures of what it will look like for the next meeting.

Indian-Kentuck Watershed

There has not been a lot of activity at this time on cost share practices in the watershed. Three people that have property in the lower portion of the watershed have inquired about cost share. The board discussed possible cost share opportunities for this area that isn't covered.

Technician Report

The no-till drill has been used once this spring. Cheryl has been working with teachers at Jeff Craig and Purdue Extension to redo the schools courtyard area. \$350 is needed to pay for the rest of the pollinator plants that will be planted in the area by the FFA students and 3rd graders. Peg Ehlers will supply the mulch for the courtyard. Chase moved and John seconded to pay for the pollinators and all were in favor.

NRCS

Matt told the board that the quality review that took place in Dearborn and Ohio County went well. They did not review any folders in Switzerland County. The Civil Rights review also went well. CSP applications are due next Friday. There are 2 in Switzerland County along with 14 EQIP applications. District Forester, Allie Kline, is moving to Columbus, Ohio this spring. She will be missed in the area. Matt asked the board if it would be okay for Katie to sign for the board in the event that a board member is unavailable. The board agreed this was a good idea.

Other

The District received the Raymond F. West Award for Outstanding Service at the Historic Hoosier Hills Annual Meeting in Madison. There was a large crowd as 9 Districts were recognized for their service to HHH. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Collier