



SWITZERLAND COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Switzerland County SWCD
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Supervisors Present

Ken Briggs
John Schroer
David Schuler
Chase Kelso

SWCD Present

Cheryl Furnish
Katie Collier

Guests Present

Not Present

Jeanette Andrew

NRCS Present
Matt Jarvis

Previous Board Minutes

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

HHH Dues

John moved and David seconded to pay the 2016 HHH dues of \$250.00 and all were in favor.

Pond Workshop

The SWCD is partnering with Purdue Extension for a pond workshop on April 26th from 6-8pm at the Tech Building. In June they will have another pond workshop to identify weeds and pond problems.

Community Egg Production Enterprises

The board and employees discussed the District's role and how the District is not a regulatory branch of county government. The District has provided information to customers on soil types and answered general soil and water questions but can't give out specific maps without landowner consent. There has been a lot of foot traffic and phone calls concerning the proposed project. The next planning and zoning meeting will be on April 20th at 6pm.

Food Policy

Due to a resolution passed at the IASWCD Annual Conference, Districts are now allowed to purchase foods for events/activities only in instances where the events/activities further the mission of the SWCD. IASWCD sent out a sample policy for boards to look over and adapt for their District. Katie will type up one for the May meeting for the board to vote on and sign. It must be looked at once a year for updates or changes.

Annual Meeting Recap

The board was happy with the annual meeting and received several compliments on the speaker and agenda.

Agreement with Jefferson County SWCD

The board and employees discussed the agreement between the Jefferson and Switzerland County offices in regards to the work being done on the Indian-Kentuck Watershed Project. Switzerland County will receive .20 per dollar spent and Jefferson County .10 per dollar. For this to work and be beneficial to the Switzerland County District, Jefferson County must house all the contract folders and documentation. They must also be in charge of getting all signatures and completing payment invoicing to IDEM for Jefferson County participants. Cheryl will complete the initial site visit with Mike Johnson and prepare the planning while Mike will complete all engineering plans and site visits upon completion of the practice. If a producer from Jefferson County decides to house their contract in the Switzerland County office out of convenience for the producer then the Switzerland County District will receive all of the .30 per dollar for completion of all necessary work. Chase moved and John seconded to approve this agreement and send it to the Jefferson County board for approval and all were in favor. Katie will type up and get to the new Jefferson County employee.

Ag. Day

Due to a state meeting on May 19th, the Hardy Lake DNR group will not be able to present the birds of prey program at Ag. Day. Cheryl has contacted Snake Head Ed who will be available for Ag. Day and we will have the DNR program this fall forestry day.

HHH Annual Meeting

The Tenacity Award was given to the Switzerland County SWCD for the work it completed on the Indian Creek Project. Cheryl accepted the work for the District.

Indian-Kentuck

\$40,000 has been committed at this point for Switzerland and Jefferson Counties. Cheryl has completed 4 site visits and has 3 more scheduled in the next week. Mike Johnson will be assisting with the site visits.

Technician Report

Cheryl gave the board an equipment report and update. The Clean Water Indiana Grant with Ripley County has six applications from Switzerland County for a total of \$23,000.

NRCS

Matt told the board that he has submitted seven contracts for approval for EQIP for a total of \$84,000. Tillage transects will be completed in the county again this spring. The NRCS vehicle can be used for Indian-Ketuck work also.

Other

The board reviewed the USDA Privacy Law Requirements and discussed. The board currently follows all of these guidelines. With no further business, David moved and John seconded to adjourn at 7:55. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4th at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Collier