



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 June 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 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.

Forestry Field Day

SWCD will be meeting with Extension and Farm Bureau within the next couple of weeks to plan the 5th grade Forestry Field Day. Will try to have it before fall break at the fairgrounds.

Retailer Roundtable and Supervisor Summit

The two upcoming events were discussed with supervisors.

Employee Evaluations

The employee evaluations will take place at the September meeting. Due to scheduling conflicts, the September meeting needs to be rescheduled. The group decided that Tuesday, September 12th would work for the meeting.

Ideas for Workshops

The SWCD will be meeting with NRCS and Extension from Dearborn, Ohio and Switzerland County to discuss ideas for upcoming fall/winter workshops. If any board members have ideas of what they would like to see in the future please let us know.

4H Fair

Silly Safari was once again a big hit at the fair on Friday night. Over 100 people were in attendance for the show. Katie will contact Silly Safari to schedule next year's show once the fair dates have been set for 2018.

Indian-Kentuck Watershed

The date to signup for the Grazing Conference at Clifty Falls is quickly approaching. Please let Katie know if you would like to attend. Dr. Pol will be the special guest speaker on August 17th. Indian-Kentuck watershed along with Jefferson and Ripley County SWCD are sponsoring the event. To date, \$34,695 has been invoiced for cost share practices in Indian-Kentuck. Cheryl knows of two practices that have been finished and is waiting on the landowner to turn in their bills for payment.

Technician Report

A county cost share payment of \$4000 for a HUAP has been paid. The balance left to pay out is \$5,636. \$4000 has been allocated and will be paid by the end of the year for fencing.

NRCS

Matt discussed field checks that are taking place and the HEL Ephemeral Gully control policy in cropland. The locally led meeting will be held on September 12th during the SWCD board meeting. It will be advertised in the local paper as well as invitations sent out. Four more EQIP applications have been approved for a total of \$190,000 funded this year. NRCS and FSA have been working on the next lease for the offices in Switzerland and Dearborn County. They are close to signing a 15 year lease on the current buildings.

Other

The county council has started the annual budget hearings. The council needs to cut \$250,000 from the 2018 budget. The cost share portion of the SWCD budget that totals \$4500 has been cut for next year. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00pm beginning with Employee Evaluations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Collier