



SWITZERLAND COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Supervisors Present

Ken Briggs
Chase Kelso
Cassie Carper

SWCD Present

Katie Collier
Shawna Andrew

NRCS Present

Not Present

John Schroer

Election of Officers

Chase moved and Cassie seconded to elect Ken as chairperson and all were in favor. Cassie moved and Ken seconded to elect Chase as vice chairperson and all were in favor. Ken moved and Cassie seconded to elect Katie as treasurer and Shawna as co-treasurer and all were in favor.

Previous Board Minutes

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

Financial Report

The claims for February and March were reviewed. Cassie moved and Chase seconded to pay the claims. All were in favor of passing the financial report as presented. Board members present signed the accounts payable voucher register.

Board Member Resignation

Shawna Andrew submitted a letter of resignation from the board effective on March 16th due to accepting the District Technician position. Chase moved and Cassie seconded to accept the resignation.

Board Member Appointment

Cheryl Furnish contacted Shawna and Katie to let them know that she is interested in filling the board member vacancy. Cassie moved and Chase seconded to appointment Cheryl in the open position. Katie will contact her about the next meeting and she will take the oath of office.

Internal Controls and Materiality Policy Review

The policies were reviewed by the board and Katie. No changes were made.

River Friendly Farmer

The application for the River Friendly Farmer is due in June. Katie and Shawna asked the board to think of possible landowners that would qualify for this award. The board asked them to check on a producer to see if they have received the award previously.

Seed Cost Share

The board discussed the need of conducting the seed cost share again this year. They asked that it be advertised in the paper and on social media. Cassie moved and Chase seconded to allocate \$5,000 for seed cost share and cap the payment at \$500 per person. All were in favor.

2022 Annual Financial Report

The financial report was presented for those board members that had not seen it.

Ag. Day Update

There will be 60 students from Jeff Craig and 57 from East Enterprise participating in Ag. Day on May 18th at the fairgrounds. Switzerland County Homemakers will be providing lunch for the students and presenters at the conclusion of Silly Safari.

Indian-Kentuck

Two payments have been submitted to IDEM for payment. One payment for \$1996.96 for a waterer, pipeline and HUAP was submitted in early April. One payment for \$4826.04 for a grassed waterway was submitted this week. The payments have been coming back in four to six weeks.

Technician Report

Shawna started in the office on April 3rd. She has met several District and NRCS employees and is working on getting started with training. She told the board about Thomas Carper using the no-till drill. When he got the drill to his place, he noticed that the large chain was missing. After talking with Shawna and Cheryl, he went to Barry Works and got the chain and installed it himself. Shawna asked the board to not charge Thomas for the rental because of the work he did. The board agreed to not issue him a bill and thanked him for helping with the drill. The acreage meter was fixed on the no-till before it was rented out the second time. Shawna has a waiting list for the drill and is contacting those on the list as the drill comes back from rental. Shawna discussed the Brillion Seeder with the board. She shared the rental usage for the last three years and voiced her interest in selling the seeder. After discussion, the board decided to sell the seeder by closed bids with a \$3,000 reserve. Chase moved and Cassie seconded and all were in favor. Bids will be due by June 2nd to the office and opened at the June meeting which will take place on June 7th or 14th. The drill will be brought down to the office so that people can see it before placing their bids. It will be advertised in the paper as well as on social media.

NRCS Report

Kim attended the area meeting today in Columbus so was not able to make it to the board meeting. She is still working with producers who have EQIP applications to get them finalized before the deadline next week.

Other

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15th at 6pm at Olive Branch Baptist Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Collier