

Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2017 @ 8 AM
3718 New Vision Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46845

Supervisors: Tom Miller, Tom Crowe, Don Rekeweg, Jeff Stieglitz

Associate Supervisors: Heath Hurst

SWCD Staff: Greg Lake, Krista Voors, Kate Sanders

NRCS: Arthur Franke

ISDA: Nick Alles

SJRWI: Doug Fasik

Supervisors Not in Attendance: Jon Bickel

Executive Session:

The executive session was held in order for the SBOA audit team to share their unofficial comments with the board, director and office manager, as authorized under I.C.£5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6). No other content was discussed in the executive session.

Regularly scheduled board meeting was called to order at 8:43 a.m. by Tom Crowe.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the January Board Meeting were reviewed. Tom Miller made a motion to approve the minutes and Don Rekeweg seconded the motion. All approved and motion passed.

Approval of Claims:

Krista reviewed the claims, dated February 22, 2017 voucher numbers 8179 through 8199, totaling \$14,885.44. The Deposit Report, Treasurers' Reports, petty cash log, and bank reconciliation reports were also reviewed. Motion to approve the claims, and financial reports, subject to audit, was made by Don Rekeweg and seconded by Jeff Stieglitz, motion passed.

Old Business:

- Website – Rod Renkenberger has been researching website options for the MRBC and has agreed to share his research with us in order to expedite our website revamp.
- Annual Meeting – the board decided to cover the cost of the meal and take up a free-will donation to help cover the cost. Krista has an appointment with the event coordinating staff at the Mirro Center today at 11am.
- PSS Contribution Agreement- Kate has been working closely with Tim to learn the tasks for this agreement.

Ongoing Projects/Grants:

- WLEB In-Field Advantage – The Winter meeting for participants was held on February 14. Greg Lake & Nick Alles shared briefly how the meeting went and shared some of the regional trends.
- WLEB RCPP – No updates
- USGS/GLRI Project – On January 31st at the Roemke's was a year-end summary. At this meeting USGS representatives discussed the results/status of the samplers over the last year. They also discussed possible additional research areas for more sampling units. Contract renewal discussions are to come soon.
- Upper Maumee 319 P-risk Index Assessment Pilot grant – In order to move forward the indicator tool needs to be updated/modified to more accurately represent the Black Creek area.

Reports & Updates:

- ACPWQ –Matt Jones gave a presentation in front of the new Surveyor, Jeff Sorg, to help him better understand what the Partnership is as a whole. Matt will be meeting and presenting to Leo-Cedarville and Hometown in the next few weeks. River Camp planning is underway and will take place the 1st week of August.
- Purdue Extension – No updates.
- ISDA – Soil sampling for Infield Advantage participants has wrapped up for the year but they are still accepting applications for the WLEB soil sampling program. March 8th at the Mirro Center will be the Seeing Green: Fields & Profits event.
- NRCS –11 CSP applications & 42 EQIP applications have been received. The ranking for these contracts will take place in late April.
- TSWA – Greg Lake reported that the TSWA office remodeling is moving forward. They have also contracted with an individual to work part time.
- SJRWI – They are currently working to identify the number of sites that will be sampled this year in order to get a handle on staffing needs. The city of Fort Wayne will provide staff to run the water sampling route in 2017 as an in-kind service. SJRWI is working with the city utilities division IT to take over the operation and continuation of the water quality monitoring database. Flow the SJ will be on August 5, 2017. The SJRWI currently has 7 board members and would like to have 15. If anyone is interested please call Doug Fasik. There are 2 workshops coming up on March 2 in DeKalb and March 30 in Williams Co. Ohio. The annual meeting took place in December and was well received; Soaring Hawk was the key presenter.
- MRBC – Greg Lake shared that the MRBC is currently working towards \$1 Million in Capital Campaign Funding.

New Business:

- Internal Audit – Tom Crowe & Tom Miller will be the auditing committee for the 2016 funds.
- Food Policy – Tom Miller made a motion for the current food policy to remain the same for 2017. Don Rekeweg seconded the motion and all approved, motion passed.
- Chase Bank Account – Krista shared that all transactions have cleared the Chase bank account and that if the board so chose this account could be closed at this point. Don Rekeweg made a motion for the Chase Bank account to be closed. The remaining \$107,499.82 is to be withdrawn via a cashier's check and deposited into the 1st Source Bank account. A letter shall be acquired from Chase Bank stating that the account is closed. This shall take place before the end of February 2017. Tom Miller seconded the motion, all approved, motion passed.

Upcoming Events

- Next Board Meeting – March 22, 2017 @ 8 a.m.
- March 8 – Seeing Green: Fields & Profits
- March 22 – NE Region Mtg
- March 23 – Annual Meeting
- August 11 – Soil Health Field Day @ Roemke's

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Approval of minutes as presented:

Chairman

Date