

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

Supervisors: Tom Miller, Tom Crowe, Don Rekeweg,
Associate Supervisors: Heath Hurst & Dick Crowl
SWCD Staff: Greg Lake, Krista Voors, Kate Sanders
NRCS: Arthur Franke & Tim Bomba
ISDA: Nick Alles & Jill Krause
Supervisors Not in Attendance: Jon Bickel & Jeff Stieglitz

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Tom Crowe.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the February 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 March 22, 2017 voucher numbers 8200 through 8207, totaling \$13,098.04. 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 Tom Miller and seconded by Don Rekeweg, motion passed. It was mentioned that maybe the District should look into placing some money into a CD. Greg stated that he would check with Rod R. regarding banking details for MRBCs Certificates of Deposit in order to get an idea/input.

Old Business:

- Website – Our website is now back up and running since payments were submitted to Khimaira. Greg plans to meet with Rod Renkenberger regarding his researching of website options for the MRBC.
- Annual Meeting – Last minutes details were discussed for tomorrow night's meeting.
- Chase Bank Account – was officially closed on 2/28/17 by Krista Voors & Tom Crowe.
- PSS Contribution Agreement- Kate continues to work on these tasks. No new details at this time.

Ongoing Projects/Grants:

- WLEB In-Field Advantage – It's time to increase our promotion of this program in order to increase the level of participants.
 - Greg Drove to Columbus, OH to meet with Gary Fennig on the possibility of getting the interseeder back this year for additional demos. Gary said if he was able to get the same unit back to us there wouldn't be a fee but if he was only able to get us a new unit for demonstrations then there would be a rental fee.
 - Greg also mentioned possibly getting a cover crop roller to demo in the area and the board suggested that he look into it further and report back.
- WLEB RCPP – No updates
- USGS/GLRI Project – There has been some talk about possibly adding some biological sampling in the Black Creek, there will be a meeting next week to further discuss this option. Another landowner in the Black Creek watershed has been contacted about the possibility of an additional monitoring site. A lady from USGS in Kentucky will be here in the next couple weeks to locate field tile using a drone with infrared.

- Upper Maumee 319 P-risk Index Assessment Pilot grant – The p-risk calculator needs to be finished in order to roll-out the Cost-share program. NRCS has been assisting with the calculator revisions.

Reports & Updates:

- ACPWQ –NO updates at this time
- Purdue Extension – No updates.
- ISDA – The NE Region meeting is tonight in Columbia City. ISDA is currently working on a GLC & a 319 grant for this area. CWI grants used to require a 50/50 match for staff, it is now 75/25(match). The total \$ cap per grant has been increased as well.
- NRCS –Currently working on EQIP & CSP ranking
- TSWA – Greg Lake reported that the TSWA is working with Friends of the Rivers on a plan to get boats launched on the river.
- SJRWI – WQIS is finally fully functional & uploaded with all water quality data that the SWCD has been a part of collecting, including data from 2002-2016
- MRBC – Greg Lake shared that the MRBC is currently working towards \$1 Million in funding from the state.

New Business:

- Storage Unit Renewal – Krista shared that the storage unit rental agreement is coming to an end and that if we wish to extend it the cost will be \$169/month or if you pay 6 months or more in advance you get a 10% discount. The board agreed to pay for a 1 year extension but suggested waiting to hear from ACPWQ on whether they will continue to cover half the cost. If they agree, then go ahead and pay (total \$1,825.20).
- New Cubicles – Krista shared that the SWCD area will be getting new cubicles installed the first week of April. Krista has been coordinating with staff, NRCS, carpet cleaning company, the electrician, & the cubical installation company.
- Sales – The District is currently running sales for rain barrels, trees & fish. Order forms are online and in the office.

Upcoming Events

- Next Board Meeting – April 26, 2017 @ 8 a.m.
- March 22 – NE Region Mtg
- March 23 – Annual Meeting
- August 11 – Soil Health Field Day @ Roemke's

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Approval of minutes as presented:

Chairman

Date