

Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2017 @ 4 PM
Citizens Square-Cafeteria 200 E. Berry St. Fort Wayne, IN

Supervisors: Tom Miller, Don Rekeweg, Jeff Stieglitz, Chad Shaw

Associate Supervisors: N/A

SWCD Staff: Greg Lake, Krista Voors, Kate Sanders

NRCS: Tim Bomba

ISDA: Jill Krause

Commissioner: Nelson Peters

Supervisors Not in Attendance: Tom Crowe

Meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Tom Miller.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the July Board Meeting were reviewed. Jeff Stieglitz 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 August 23, 2017 voucher numbers 8245 through 8255, totaling \$17270.47. 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, all approved motion passed.

Old Business:

- Website – Krista shared that she received a quote from Clear Elevations for Website Design & Development. She and Jill Krause will be setting up an appointment to meet with the company to get a better idea of what they are suggesting. Krista will report back at a later date.
- EPA Grant – Greg spoke with Santina (Region 5 EPA) and she is hopeful that the District will see an agreement by the end of the month for the \$250,000 for 3 years within the Upper Maumee watershed.
- SWCD Vehicle Update – Currently waiting on the updated list of available new vehicles from the County office. Once this is received it can be compared to some used truck options and then presented to the board.
- Large Format Printer – Krista shared that she was able to work with Adams Remco on a better price for a large format printer. With available rebates & discounts the District could purchase the unit for \$8199.00. After some discussion, Jeff Stieglitz made a motion of approval for the District to purchase the Savin MP CW2200 as quoted and presented before the board, along with the service agreement discussed. Don Rekeweg seconded the motion, all approved. Motion passed. Tomorrow Krista will notify Adams Remco of the approval to purchase.
- Business Plan Update – After some discussion it was decided that on the evening of Sept. 12, 2017 the District shall host a business plan update meeting for the public to come and share their thoughts on the direction of the District in the future. On September 13th the actual Business Plan Update will take place at the SWCD office.

Ongoing Projects/Grants:

- WLEB
 - In-Field Advantage – the next step is black layer which will initiate stalk sampling.
 - RCPP – Dec./Jan. timeframe is when signup will begin for Spring 2018 funding. There is some talk about a new proposal being submitted so that funding within the RCPP could be extended.

- PSS/CRP Contribution Agreement with IASWCD/NRCS – Kate will be receiving training on Tuesday of next week for the PSS work that she has been doing.
- USGS/GLRI Project –
 - Sediment Source Tracking project – At this time the passive samplers are being installed at edge of field locations and instream. Periods of flow concentration will signal for a sample to be taken, beginning in September.
 - Expansion Project – USGS will be adding an additional sampler to the St. Marys River on Ferguson Road with a similar setup as the one on Schaefer Rd. They have modest expectations of the unit being installed in October. The additional sampler(s) along with the sediment source tracking samplers will most likely result in additional funding for staff in order maintain all of the sites and collect samples in a timely manner.
- Upper Maumee 319 P-risk Index Assessment Pilot grant –
 - Several people have expressed interest since the field day at Roemke Farms. Kate is working to collect their information and verify they are within the priority watersheds.

Reports & Updates:

- ACPWQ –No updates at this time.
- Purdue Extension – No updates at this time.
- ISDA – No updates at this time.
- MRBC – Greg shared that at the next MRBC meeting they will be voting on the funding request from Christopher Burke Engineering regarding a feasibility study on the St. Marys river for bank re-stabilization from downtown Fort Wayne to the Ohio line.
- NRCS –Tim reported next month will be the Locally Led meeting. He has been assisting Greg with reviewing and identifying the St Marys tributaries within Allen County for the 319 grant application that the TSWA will be submitting.
- SJRWI – Greg shared that the SJRWI has requested a letter of support for the 319 application they are submitting for the Lower SJ & Bear Creek watersheds. The board agreed to the District supporting the SJRWI in its efforts with this grant but stressed that staff time spent on support activities should be limited.
- TSWA
 - 319 Grant - Greg Lake reported that the grant application being written for the TSWA will mostlikely include the sub-sheds: Houk, Snyder, Simmerman, Holthouse, Nickelson & Borum.
- Water Quality Sampling Program – Greg shared that he has had Kate investing a lot of time into fixing & updating the water quality database. However, the discussion on program funding was tabled at this time.

New Business:

- None at this time.

Upcoming Events

- Next Board Meeting – Wednesday September 27, 2017 at 8am
- Day at the Lake - September 9, 2017
- Business Plan Update – Public Input 9/12/17 evening, Plan Update 9/13/17 day

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Approval of minutes as presented:

Chairman

Date