

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

May 15, 2018

Vincennes University

Draft Minutes

Members Present:

Robert Woodling Warren Baird Kenny Cain Ray Chattin Brad Dawson
Bob Eddleman

Members Absent:

Larry Clemens

Others Present:

Leah Harmon	Erin Shoup	Carrie Parmenter
Jordan Seger	Brent Baird	Jeri Ziliak
Dan Vaughn	Dan Hovland	Rob Brown
Walt Sell	Tom Held	Erica Burkemper-Fischer
Dale Walker	Heather Zengler	Valerie Clingerman
Tyler Trout	Gerald Roach	Lisa Bloodworth
Meg Leader	Charlie Ring	Nathan Stoelting
Jim Woody	Lisa Holscher	Susan Brocksmith
Don Ryan	Diane Mason	Curt Coffman
Rama Sobhani	Laura Fribley	

I. 9:30 am.: Call to Order

Robert called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Curt Coffman, Dean of Vincennes University College of Science, Engineering and Mathematics welcomed the SSCB.

II. Approve Minutes of April 2018

Bob made a motion to approve, Warren seconded. Motion passed.

III. Clean Water Indiana

a. Clean Water Indiana Grants –Leah Harmon

Leah gave an update on the upcoming workshops that are scheduled around the state to support the districts. This year, there are two grant workshops planned for the Northern and Southern parts of the state. The first one is a Grant Management workshop, and the second one is a CWI Networking session.

Leah gave an update on the District's annual financial reports and stated that they are hopeful that the payments will go out to the Districts next week. Leah then talked about the current CWI grant audits that have been completed thus far. Leah talked about the CWI promotional video that will be done this year.

IV. State Soil Conservation Board Business

a. New Members

1. Robert welcomed the new board members.

b. Chairman's Report

1. Robert talked about the new board members that were recruited.
- c. Knox County Presentation- Charlie Ring
Welcome to Knox SWCD – Ray Chattin – Ray welcomed the board to Knox County and Charlie Ring gave a brief history of the District and its current activities.
- d. Old Business
 1. Appoint rep to PWQ – Brad Dawson
 2. CCSI oversight Committee – Kenny Cain

V. Soil and Water Conservation Districts

- a. Randolph SWCD- Laura Fribley
 - i. Laura presented the application from Randolph for a temporary appointed position for William Howard to replace Rex Fields who resigned from the board.
Warren moved, and Brad seconded, motion passed.

VI. 10 Minute Break

VII. ISDA Updates

a. Director's Report- Jordan Seger

Jordan gave a budget overview. He talked about Fayette County's request to use their board's in-kind as a match for their CWI \$10,000 due to not having staff. The AFR Code (14-32-8) is clear that they can't count in-kind as matching funds. He encouraged them to look at a CWI grant for additional support. Jordan indicated that the Division is working with them to develop a grant proposal. Jordan spoke about the SSCB appointments and welcomed the new members. He spoke about the special legislative session that started May 14th.

b. Technical Report – Jim Woody

Written report. Jim highlighted the technical assistance provided by the southwest tech teams.

c. Soil Health-Meg Leader

Written Report. Meg gave a update about the status of the Infield Advantage program.

d. Accountability and Technology- Jordan Seger

Jordan gave a brief update on upcoming projects.

e. District Support-Laura Fribley

Written Report. Laura highlighted upcoming DSS events.

f. Water Quality and CREP- Jordan Seger

Written Report. Jordan highlighted CREP practices.

Transect – Warren questioned if late planted cover crops were missed in the transect and whether that would be a significant amount.

VIII. Conservation Partner Reports

a. IASWCD

Submitted a written report. They highlighted that they have a new director, Joe Schmees, and gave an update on the annual conference.

b. IDEM

Provided a written report

c. DNR – no report

d. Purdue

Walt Sell gave an update and provided a written report. Walt stated that the extension has a soil health website for high school teachers to use. MCCC has a mobile app available. The training committee will offer an Invasive pest program at three locations May 22 – 24 coming up. Pests in forests focus.

e. FSA – No report

f. NRCS

Jerry Roach gave the report. He stated that he's acting as State Conservationist. The position is not-pending. There is a second WLEB sign-up for the RCPP. Jerry gave an update on the cooperative working agreements. Jerry gave a quick update on the farm bill programs.

g. CCSI

Written Report. CCSI submitted a contribution agreement with NRCS to fund a new program manager. They are working with the ICP partners to host Ag retailer roundtable meetings around the state. They are working with Hoosier Ag Today to host monthly podcasts.

h. IDEA

Erica mentioned that they are at 146 members for 2018. They are hosting a fall conference at Lake Monroe, and the hotel registration is open.

i. IANA- No report

IX. Public Comment

Kenny talked about the farm bill, specifically the CREP and CRP signup. Kenny commented that with the proposed farm bill there is speculation – raise cap, but lower rates. CRP is paused, unable to accept acres. Public needs to reach out to legislators on importance of program.

XI. Adjourn

Kenny moved to end meeting 11:25, Ray seconded.