

Minutes
Brown County Soil & Water
Conservation District
6/6/18
SWCD Office- 5:00 pm

The meeting was brought to order at 5:00 pm by chair Laura Young. Those in attendance were as follows: Bonnie Closey, Al Weber, Allison Shoaf, Jeanne and Charlie Shaw, Cara Bergschneider, Laura Young, Courtney McGuckin, Keith Kirk, and Amanda Perkins.

Al made a motion to accept the May minutes. Amanda seconded. Motion passed.

Charlie made a motion to accept May Financial Claims and Statements. Amanda seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: The updated annual plan of work was passed out to the board. Allison pulled up the CWI tracking sheet on the smartboard for everyone to see. So far in Brown County, we have paid out \$1,325.84 and we have another \$10,271 allocated. We also pulled up the Mini Grant spending spreadsheet on the smartboard to evaluate as a group. All 2016/2017 projects are now complete. Jon Ely turned in his final receipts and Allison verified the completion. In 2017 we spent \$9,168.52. So far for 2018 we have allocated \$5,500 but only spent \$2,000. Next, the board went over the District Manager job description with the edits from Allison. Once the final version is ready we will send to board for final approval and then give to the county to update their records.

NRCS Update: Cara has completed 40 site visits between Monroe and Brown Co. in the past couple months. So far she has 26 that will be applying for EQIP 2019. There is also still EQIP 2018 money available for Forest Management Plans. A new Indiana State Conservationist has been determined, Jerry Raynor from North Carolina. The hiring freeze across the state has now been lifted and they will be filling 16 positions. Also, CRP re-enrollment is now open again after being on pause. Cara has also been working on: the Service Center Task Force evaluating PSS work, doing a soils presentation at the Bloomington Community Orchard, doing high tunnel presentations, and later presenting on soils at the IDEA conf. this fall. Lastly, she will no longer be getting an intern this summer.

Our summer intern, Courtney McGuckin, started on 5/31. She will work Monday through Thursday most weeks.

Al made a motion that we increase the CWI 2017 payment rates to reflect the current NRCS rates. Amanda seconded. Motion passed.

We will postpone any transferring of funds from savings to checking until after we are audited by SBOA.

Manager's Updates: Native Plant Stewardship Class begins June 12th and ends August 21st. Nature Daze planning meetings have started. Three landowners attended the invasive plant walk on town hill rd. on May 12th, at least 2 of them have signed up for CWI grant. I attended the Urban Soil Health Workshop in Warrick Co. on the 16th. It was very informative and I would encourage any supervisors to attend the callout/informational meeting in Bloomington on July 12th. The Helmsburg students made

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over \$200 in donations giving away their native plants at the Bean Blossom Farmer's Market on the 25th. I participated in the Green Rd. Cleanup on the 29th with KBCB and Cummins volunteers. We hauled off over 200 tires and a full roll away dump truck! I'll be hosting the next SICIM meeting at our office on June 7th. Courtney and I will both be attending a weed ID workshop on June 12th at SEPAC. I'll be out of the office June 19th-21st for the Jr. Leader Annual Camping Trip and the SICIM annual meeting. Courtney and I will also both be attending the NRCS Area Meeting on June 27th. The topic is soil health and we will actually be in the field looking at soil pits so I think it will be really good training for Courtney.

District manager vacation time: 6/15, 7/11, 7/12, 7/13, 8/24, 8/27-31

Amanda made a motion to sponsor the 2018 IDEA Fall Conference at Lake Monroe. \$200 towards the Raptor Center Presentation and \$300 for general costs.

PSS/CRP Contribution Agreement- no update

Salt Creek Preservation Group Report- no report

Rule 5- the Maple Leaf Performing Arts Center plan has now been approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM. Motion was made by Charlie, and seconded by Amanda. Motion passed

Minutes taken and submitted by Allison Shoaf.