

**Minutes**  
**Brown County Soil & Water**  
**Conservation District**  
**10/10/18**  
**SWCD Office- 5:00 pm**

(This meeting immediately followed the local working group meeting, thereby affecting the regular start time.)

The meeting was brought to order at 5:35 pm by chair Laura Young. Those in attendance were as follows: Scott Stephenson, Charlie Shaw, Cara Bergschneider, Laura Young, Keith Kirk, Allison Shoaf, Amanda Perkins, Courtney McGuckin, Al Weber, and Sherrie Mitchell.

Allison added "Election Committee" to agenda.

Al made a motion to accept the September minutes. Scott seconded. Motion passed.

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

**Old Business:**

CWI: no updates

Annual Plan of Work: Mini Grant application deadline is coming up on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. Allison will be hosting the Women's Learning Circle on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. There will not be a hoop house program in November.

Supervisor Outing: The outing has been rescheduled to Friday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at Trevlac Bluffs.

Part-Time Position: Courtney McGuckin was hired as the new Educator. She will work about 10 hours a week, coordinating with Allison.

**New Business:**

NRCS: There are 2 workshops happening on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>: the 2018 Fall Forestry Workshop and Learn-To-Burn Grassland Management Workshop. Thirteen EQUIP applications from Brown County have been turned in for 2019. Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) applications are due Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. NRCS is still waiting for more information on other applications after the Farm Bill is passed. Cara and Allison will be performing a cover crop transect drive on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. They will record data regarding tilling and cover crop usage in the county. Cara is excited to be seeing native grasses coming back in areas where stilt grass has been treated; however, the native grasses are being mistaken as stilt grass and sprayed. Cara sees a need for a native grass workshop to help landowners distinguish between native and non-native grasses.

Election Committee: Scott will head the election committee. Charlie and Keith will also be on the committee. Al made a motion to accept the committee. Amanda seconded. Motion passed.

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Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy: Allison would like to enroll in this program provided through the 319 Grant. It is about a 4 month long training that covers watershed planning and management. There are online and in person sessions. Al made a motion to accept the costs for Allison to enroll. Amanda seconded. Motion passed.

2019 Mini Grants: The deadline has been extended to Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. Four applications have been turned in. Board members will meet with applicants on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> to hear more about the project and make funding decisions.

**Manager's Updates:** For those that helped out with Nature Daze and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day, thank you! Both were successful events and will continue in 2019. I've been busy planning the Women4theLand workshop which will take place October 16<sup>th</sup>. We have 8 registered attendees so far. We've been asked to promote and help out with this year's IFWOA conference. It will take place on Nov. 2-3 at the Abe Martin Lodge. I plan to put it in our newsletter, website, FB, etc. Community garden plot has been cleared out and seeded with cover crops.

District manager vacation time: 10/12, 10/19, 12/26-28

Indiana Woodlands Steward newsletter and the National Association of Conservation Districts are requesting a renewal of our annual financial support. More will be discussed on this later.

PSS/CRP Contribution Agreement: no update

Rule 5: There was a complaint regarding land clearing behind Bear Hardware. They are in compliance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm. Motion was made by Charlie, and seconded by Scott. Motion passed.

Minutes taken and submitted by Courtney McGuckin.