

Minutes
Brown County Soil & Water
Conservation District
6/5/19
SWCD Office- 5:00 pm

The meeting was brought to order at 5:05 pm by chair Scott Stephenson. Those in attendance were as follows: Scott Stephenson, Charlie Shaw, Jeanne Shaw, Cara Bergschneider, Laura Young, Amanda Perkins, Al Weber, and Courtney McGuckin.

Laura added "Bean Blossom Overlook" to agenda.

Al made a motion to accept the May minutes. Laura seconded. Motion passed. The minutes were signed by the board members.

Laura made a motion to accept April Statements and May Claims. The May Statement has not been received yet. Charlie seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Annual Plan of Work: Junior Nature Camp is Thursday June 13th and Friday June 14th. The Brown County SWCD newsletter will be mailed out at the beginning of July. Cover crop order forms are due July 12th. The July board meeting will be on July 10th at 1pm.

CWI: Current CWI contracts are finishing up. Allison had an initial meeting with Owen and Monroe counties to discuss renewing CWI in 2020. More details will follow.

2019 Mini Grants: Allison will be checking in soon with the participants to receive an update on their projects.

Pond Management Workshop Summary: The event went very well. Around 20 people attended. The board members suggested possibly moving the event time to the evening in the future and providing a cookout dinner.

Bean Blossom Overlook: The board reviewed a drafted memo and official statement saying that the Brown County SWCD staff will refrain from commenting on the overlook from this point on. They may only discuss it with the Brown County SWCD board and Brown County attorneys. Laura made a motion to send a memo to the Brown County Parks and Recreation board and Brown County Commissioners regarding the above statement. Amanda seconded. Motion passed. Laura made a motion to have an official statement signed for staff to have on hand regarding the above statement. Al seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

NRCS: The EQIP application process has been completed. Twelve applications were funded in Brown County, totaling \$127,000 in grant money awarded. Cara's intern started last week and is hoping to attend some of our future board meetings. Amy Spalding is the new National Wild Turkey Federation

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Forester that will be working in the Bloomington USDA Service Center office. Cara has been busy conducting many educational programs this summer. She will also be working on many projects in Brown County regarding forestry and wildlife.

Civil Rights Training: Cara conducted the training to update the civil rights issues and protocol between NRCS and SWCDs. She read off all the required expectations and all board members signed the document.

BCNWP/SWCD MOU: A Memorandum of Understanding between BCSWCD and Brown County Native Woodlands Project was reviewed by the board at the last meeting. Laura made a motion to accept the MOU. Al seconded. Motion passed.

Maternity Leave: Scott, Laura, Allison, and Courtney met this past month to discuss upcoming maternity leaves. An outline was created to determine how duties will be covered. A plan was made for 4th Grade Field Day, Nature Daze, the Brown County Fair, and Mini Grants.

IWLA Summary from Allison: "I graduated from the Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy (IWLA) on May 22nd. Overall, the class was very worthwhile and useful for me, both professionally and personally. I now have the connections, knowledge, and confidence to participate and even lead a watershed management project. My hope is that this directly ties into my involvement with the Lake Monroe Watershed work. Another participant in the class was Adam Casey, who is the manager of Lake Lemon in Brown County. It was really nice to become acquainted with him and we talked about future partnerships."

2019 Purchases: The board discussed a new logo for our office. A few options were looked at and changes will continue to be made. 2020 Plat Books were revisited. Laura made a motion to buy 300 plat books from Mapping Solutions. Al seconded. Motion passed.

Manager's Updates: "I still have quite a few site visits lined up over the next couple of weeks but other than that, my schedule is somewhat freeing up. My priorities in June and July will be Nature Daze, 4th Grade Field Day, the cover crop seed order, and tying up any loose ends before my leave. The Friends of Lake Monroe group has received confirmation of their 319 Grant Award but no money has been allocated. I'll be helping Courtney with her Junior Nature Camp in June. I'll also be giving a short talk on soil sampling at the Bean Blossom Farmer's Market on June 14th."

Educator's Updates: "At the beginning of the month, I met with Donna Niednagel about the Bean Blossom Farmer's Market. She shared her idea for kid's programming at eh market. We are signed up to be in their community vendor booth on June 14th. I made visits to all 3 elementary schools and the intermediate school to drop off Junior Nature Camp flyers and introduce myself. I let them know that soil and water will be offering school visits with programming starting probably in the fall. I am continuing to plan for Junior Nature Camp. Starting in June, I will be in the office every Monday and Tuesday morning."

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PSS/CRP Agreement: No update.

Rule 5: No update.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm. Motion was made by Charlie, and seconded by Amanda. Motion passed.

Minutes taken and submitted by Courtney McGuckin.