

Minutes
Brown County Soil & Water
Conservation District
7/10/19
SWCD Office- 1:00 pm

The meeting was brought to order at 5:00 pm by chair Scott Stephenson. Those in attendance were as follows: Cara Bergschneider, Bonnie Closey, Keith Kirk, Jesse Moore, Charlie Shaw, Jeanne Shaw, Scott Stephenson, and Al Weber.

Laura added "Septic Ordinance Rewrite Committee" to agenda.

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

Amanda made a motion to accept May and June Checking Statements, the 2nd quarter Savings Statement, and June Claims. Al seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Annual Plan of Work: Cover crop order forms are due Friday, July 12th.

CWI: Only two Brown County landowners are left to be paid for CWI work. The Monroe County SWCD office is working on writing the grant proposal for the 2020 CWI renewal. Some modifications will be made.

2019 Mini Grants: Allison contacted all grantees for a progress report. Barth plans to install their HUAP in the next month. Getty work has been delayed due to weather. Reece has completed a rain catchment system and will work on their wetland area soon as the weather has been clearing up.

Overlook: The Bean Blossom overlook was discussed.

New Business:

Septic Ordinance Rewrite Committee: The committee is hosting a Septic Summit along with the League of Women Voters to promote a community conversation about septic care and concerns. The event will be on Sept. 3rd from 5-8pm at the fairgrounds. It will involve equipment tutorials from manufacturers as well as a panel discussion with professionals. The committee proposed partnering with Brown County SWCD to offer grant money for septic clean outs. Laura made a motion to allocate \$2,000 for 20 septic clean out vouchers. Al seconded. Motion passed.

NRCS: No update.

County Fair Booth: The fair booths run from July 29th to Aug. 3rd. The Brown County SWCD board will cover the booth Monday and Wednesday of that week.

2020 County Budget Submission: The annual budget hearing is on Aug. 20th. Scott and Laura will attend the meeting. The board reviewed what will be submitted. There are no major changes from last year.

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2020 IASWCD Resolutions and Dues: Resolutions are due in September. Al made a motion to pay \$2,000 in dues to the IASWCD. Laura seconded. Motion passed.

ICP Seed Recommendations Memo: The Indiana Conservation Partnership sent out a memo clarifying that districts cannot receive incentives from seed companies to sell their seeds. The districts can have a list of available seed company options for landowners. The board reviewed our practices and determined we are in compliance.

State Appropriations Received: We have received \$10,000 from the state for 2019.

2019 Purchases: Allison contacted a sign company about concerns with using wooden posts. Otherwise, the sign project has been paused while the board is reviewing a new logo. The board chose preferred options for the logo and discussed the next steps. The plat books are being processed.

Manager's Updates: "In the last month I completed 10 site visits, most regarding ponds and invasives. I have since stopped going out into the field and am referring all site visits to either Kara H. or Cara B. Over the next month I'll prepare for my leave by making sure all details are finished or passed on to others for the business/events that will take place while I'm gone. I'm also going to be working on submitting a District Showcase Award application on our behalf."

Educator's Updates: "Junior Nature Camp took place on the 13th and 14th. Four campers attended. The intimate group size worked very well and we all had a great time. I represented soil and water at the BCCF reception banquet and received our 4th Grade Field Day funding. We are also receiving funding from the friends of the park group once again for the lunch we provide at 4th Grade Field Day. I submitted an application at the end of June for a grant from the Lions Club to help pay for 4th Grade Field Day shirts. The summer newsletter is finished and being mailed out at the beginning of July. Allison and I completed the tillage transect with Cara's intern."

PSS/CRP Agreement: A memo was sent between NRCS and IASWCD. The agreement will be modified for the coming year due to technology and staffing changes. We have received our payment for the 4th quarter of 2018.

Rule 5: A letter is being sent out to contractors establishing updated review periods.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm. Motion was made by Amanda, and seconded by Laura. Motion passed.

Minutes taken and submitted by Courtney McGuckin.