

Minutes
Brown County Soil & Water
Conservation District
9/4/19
SWCD Office- 5:00 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.

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

Al made a motion to accept the August Financial Report. Charlie seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

CWI: No update.

Annual Plan of Work: Bonnie will be representing our board at Nature Daze on Sept. 7th. 4th Grade Field Day is on Sept. 20th at the state park. Scott will be attending.

County Budget Hearing: Scott and Laura requested our same budget for 2020. It was approved.

IASWCD Resolutions: Resolution proposals must be submitted by Sept. 6th. The Brown County board does not have any to submit.

New Business:

4th Grade Field Day: 4th Grade Field Day is on Sept. 20th. The Brown County Community Foundation is providing funding for the bus transportation at the event. The Brown County Lions Club is also providing grant money to be used toward the purchase of shirts.

NRCS: The Soil Health Trailer has arrived. The Soil Health Team is very happy with the trailer and looks forward to it used in the Area. If Brown County hosts an event that is farmer focused then that would be a great opportunity to get the trailer to our county. An example would be a cover crop field day. The request for the trailer can be made through Cara or any other member of the SW Soil Health Team. Amy Spalding, NWTF Forester, has hit the ground running and is providing excellent forest management advice to landowners. Amy is also promoting NRCS programs. She will be hosting a Forest Management Basics workshop at Morgan-Monroe State Forest on Saturday September 21st. Cara will send out the flyer to the Board so they can help spread the word. Cara has already received quite a lot of interest in EQIP for 2020. Unfortunately, the interest in the program is very Monroe County heavy. Amy Spalding will be putting together a press release in the near future to help promote EQIP in Brown County. Cara asked that the Brown County Board help spread the word about EQIP with the goal of having a nearly equal amount of applications in Monroe and Brown Counties.

2020 Mini Grants: Applications are due Dec. 1st.

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Supervisor Election Considerations: The board will form an election committee at the October board meeting.

Manager's Updates: None.

Educator's Updates: None.

PSS/CRP Agreement: None.

Rule 5: None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm. Motion was made by Charlie, and seconded by Al. Motion passed.

Minutes taken by Bonnie Closey and submitted by Courtney McGuckin.