

**Minutes**  
**Brown County Soil & Water**  
**Conservation District**  
**10/1/2020**  
**SWCD Office - 1:00 pm**

The meeting was brought to order at 1:06 pm by chair Scott Stephenson. Those in attendance were as follows: Cara Bergschneider, Bonnie Closey, Courtney McGuckin, Amanda Perkins, Allison Shoaf, Scott Stephenson, and Laura Young.

Bonnie agreed to temporarily fill the empty elected supervisor position until the next election in March.

Cara added "Monroe and Green Counties" to the end of the NRCS section in the September minutes. Amanda made a motion to accept the September minutes with this change. Laura seconded. Motion passed.

Laura made a motion to accept the September Financial Report and Claims. Amanda seconded. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

Annual Plan of Work: Allison and the Salt Creek Preservation Group are planning a possible upcoming Salt Creek Clean Up. 4th Grade Field Day is beginning virtually on Oct. 15th. Presenters will rotate presenting to each of the 3 elementary schools. The first program in the BC Youth Outdoor Adventure Series is Oct. 7th. The group will hear a presentation on watersheds and water quality and kayak or canoe on Salt Creek at Deer Run Park.

Mini Grants: Allison has checked in with the 2020 Mini Grant participants. The projects are mostly on schedule. Many people have shown an interest in applying for a 2021 Mini Grant. One application has been submitted. The board will discuss the 2021 Mini Grant applications at a Zoom meeting in Nov.

Nature Daze: Nature Daze was a self-guided driving tour this year. Courtney helped manage the submissions. Eleven people participated. Allison and Courtney helped with the plant sale. It was very successful.

Staff and Supervisor Outing: The group will hike the Mt. Nebo Ridge Trail at Browning Mountain. They will meet at 11am, hike the trail, bring their own lunches, and hold the monthly board meeting after the hike in the parking lot.

**New Business:**

NRCS: Cara is finishing up her end of year reporting. She is teleworking Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and working in the field on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She still has many site visits she is working on.

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Appoint Annual Conference Delegate: Laura will be the delegate for Brown County SWCD at the IASWCD annual conference in January. Amanda made a motion to accept Laura as the delegate. Laura seconded. Motion passed.

Appoint Election Committee: Scott, Amanda, and Jim will serve as the election committee. Laura made a motion to accept this committee. Amanda seconded. Motion passed.

Recommendation for Supervisor Appointment: Laura made a motion to nominate Scott for supervisor appointment. Amanda seconded. Motion passed.

BCSWCD Updated Business Plan: Laura made a motion to accept the updated business plan for 2021-2025. Amanda seconded. Motion passed.

FoLM Watershed Plan Update: Maggie has created a draft of a summary of the watershed area. The sampling blitz on Sept. 18th went well. Maggie is working on getting watershed road signs. Maggie and Allison are planning upcoming field tours.

Manager's Updates: "This past month I've been busy with the Well Water Sample results, Nature Daze, mini-grant applicants, and lots of virtual trainings. Going forward I'm going to wrap up current Mini Grants and finalize new applications. I've also got the Outdoor Adventure Series program on October 7th."

Educator's Updates: "Nature Daze is wrapping up. The plant sale happened on Sept. 12th and was very successful. We had 11 people participate in this year's Nature Daze. I completed the prize drawings for those participants. I will be making a highlight FB post soon with the pictures that were submitted.

I feel like I can really dive back into S&W work now! 4th Grade Field Day is still moving forward with not much to update on. I will be presenting on Insects/Pollinators. I am starting to do more planning for the Youth Adventure Series presentation on Oct. 7th. The Fall Newsletter will be going out at the beginning of October."

Rule 5: No update.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. Motion was made by Laura and seconded by Amanda. Motion passed.

Minutes taken and submitted by Courtney McGuckin.