

**Minutes**  
**Brown County Soil & Water**  
**Conservation District**  
**6/4/2020**  
**Online Zoom Meeting- 1:00 pm**

The meeting was brought to order at 1:03 pm by vice chair Amanda Perkins. Those in attendance were as follows: Jim Allen, Cara Bergschneider, Courtney McGuckin, Amanda Perkins, Cameron Reoch, Al Weber, and Laura Young.

Al made a motion to accept the May minutes. Laura seconded. Motion passed.

Laura made a motion to accept the May Financial Report and Claims. Jim seconded. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

Summer Intern: Cameron Reoch started as our summer intern on May 18th. Since then, he has been working on the backyard conservation area behind our office as well as gaining experience with partners such as NRCS, BCNWP, and TNC. He and Allison are planning to conduct a survey of Salt Creek later this month.

Annual Plan of Work: A letter regarding the 2020 CWI cover crop grants will be sent out to ag landowners. Four people have signed up so far for the Native Plant Stewardship Class. We are still planning to do the annual cover crop order in July.

**New Business:**

NRCS: Cara has mostly been working on EQIP applications. She is running assessments through the online ranking system, CART. Applicants will be notified on June 22nd about whether they have been preapproved. There are 12 EQIP applications for Brown County and 34 for Monroe County. NRCS will be holding their summer internship virtually for 6 weeks. Cara and Allison are working together to focus CWI on impaired watersheds. After she is finished with EQIP, Cara will be checking up on current CRP projects.

Plat Books: Brown County plat books are now available at our office for \$25. Complimentary copies were provided to many county offices. We currently only have 100 copies in hand but will be receiving 200 more when Mapping Solutions is back to being fully staffed.

Salt Creek Survey: Allison and Cameron are planning a survey of Salt Creek. It has been many years since this has been done. They will survey from Nashville to the Brown/Monroe County line. They will assess issues such as trash, debris, log jams, erosion, etc. This will likely take 3-4 full days.

Manager's Updates: "Not much has changed since our last meeting. I've still been attending most of my meetings via Zoom. Naturdaze planning is underway but 4th Grade Field is still in a bit of limbo. I plan on touching base with Dr. Hammack in mid-June to see if we can plan as usual. Al, Cameron, and I have added a few things to the "Backyard Conservation" area at our office, we plan to install a compost system and level out some areas better. If you did not get a chance to watch the ICP Webinar on May

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12th, it is recorded online and worth the watch. Cameron and I have been participating in a few workdays with BCNWP and are planning the Salt Creek Survey for mid-June. Also, we have been preparing and planning for a “Guess this Location Photo Contest” on our Facebook page. I’m presenting to Rotary on June 11th via Zoom. I got a call from SBOA that we are on the list to be audited this year, it will be done remotely. Lastly, the results from the survey I sent out indicated a strong interest in a conservation driving tour so I will begin planning that.”

Educator’s Updates: “Allison created a survey to gauge the public’s comfort level on attending events. In the survey, we included a question involving youth events. Due to the response, Junior Nature Camp is going to be postponed until the fall. I created a similar survey specified for the group of people that were signed up for the composting workshop. I am collecting responses until June 1st and then will make a decision on when to hold it. It will likely be the middle of July. I created an insect program that I am intending to use for JNC but can also be implemented as a school visit program. I am excited about all the webinar opportunities available during this time. I have participated in a NACD stormwater webinar and am currently participating in cover crop webinar with CCSI. I have attended 2 Nature Daze meetings and a board meeting for BCNWP.”

FoLM 319 Grant: There will be a walk for members of the FoLM steering committee at Stonehead on June 10th. All other summer events have been cancelled. Allison and Cara are on a subcommittee with this group for BMPs and are making sure to stress the importance of invasive species management.

Rule 5: Amber Stone is the new IDEM Storm Water Specialist. The Humane Society construction has begun.

Meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm. Motion was made by Laura and seconded by Al. Motion passed.

Minutes taken and submitted by Courtney McGuckin.