

MINUTES
Howard County SWCD Supervisor's Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2013
12:00 Noon at Kirkendall Nature Center

Meeting was called to order by Shane Campbell Chairperson at 12:40 p.m. Those attending were Calvin Hartman, Steve Byrum, Evan Smith, Glenn Stephens, Jim Stites, Michelle Gilbert, Kerry Smith, and Rene' Weaver.

Michelle moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting, Jim seconded, motion carried and the minutes were signed by the supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21 at 9:00 a.m. at the SWCD office.

Discussion was held on the Cooperative Working Agreement. Kerry reviewed the agreement with the supervisors and answered any questions. Shane moved to accept the Cooperative Working Agreement. Jim seconded. Michelle moved to designate Shane Campbell as our Designation of Authority. Steve seconded. Glenn moved to sign the 3031, Steve seconded. All forms were signed.

AGENCY REPORTS:

FSA – Not available

PURDUE EXTENSION – Not available

COUNTY/CITY MS4 – Not available

NRCS - Kerry reported that the 2nd round of EQIP funding is underway. We have 7 of our 16 application funded. 5 are for cover crops, 1 in a pit closure, and 1 forest management. There will be a general CRP sign up May-June. This is for environmentally sensitive and highly erodible areas.

No word on when work can begin on continuous CRP and re-enrolls. Once we receive to the okay to proceed, Calvin and Evan will be working on them.

On wetland request, 20 are completed. Evan has been assisting Kerry with these.

Kerry handed out information for crop insurance and when to terminate cover crops. You cannot plant a cash crop into a living cover crop.

It is time to do status reviews. NRCS must do 5%. County Committee members and SWCD members are also included.

SWCD – Calvin reported that 3 of the designs he has been working on are back approved and 1 is still in Indy waiting approval. He has been working with Sarah Brichford and Ben on on-site reviews for MS4.

ACTIVITY REPORTS:

MRBI- Michelle has been assisting D.C.'s with EQIP applications. The water blitz is set for Friday, April 19. There are 20 samples to take in Howard County.

She is working on the brush management projects that are in the first year of a three year contract.

RC&D – There is a meeting on Friday that Kerry and Michelle will attend. The group will be discussing funding for technical assistance and the upcoming field day in August.

CWI – Calvin and Rene' met with Paul Marcellino and there are a few changes being made to some of the testing for the cover crop research. It has been okayed through Geneva.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Rene' presented the claims for payment. Jim moved to approve as presented, Steve seconded, motion carried. Rene' made a recommendation to purchase 1,000 Ecosolutions Bic Clic ink Pens at .63 each with a one color imprint. Michelle moved to allow the purchase, Steve seconded, motion carried. Rene' will get them ordered.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Calvin has not had a chance to price out I Pads. This item is tabled until the May meeting.

The seeder has not turned up. Still no idea where it might be. It was suggested that Rene' contact our insurance company and see what recommendations they have for how to proceed. If anyone has any idea of where it might be, please contact the office. Rene' will also post a sign with FSA and send information to Paul to include in his newsletter.

The response to the March cover crop meeting held at Glenn's was very favorable. There were many good comments. Kerry suggested that the district thinks about having one on the east side of the county next year. Tipton would be interested in participating.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded and written by Rene' Weaver _____

WE AGREE THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES ARE ACCURATE.

_____ DATE: _____

