

MINUTES
Howard County SWCD Supervisor's Meeting
Tuesday May 19, 2015
SWCD Office

The meeting was called to order by Shane Campbell, Chairperson at 8:35 a.m. Those present were Rob Ballinger, Susan Kirkpatrick, Michelle Gilbert, Geneva Tyler and Rene' Weaver. Glenn Stephens was absent.

Susan moved to approve the April minutes as presented. Michelle seconded, motion carried and minutes were signed.

Rob Ballinger will be the newest SWCD supervisor once his paperwork is presented to the State Soil Conservation Board for approval. This will be in July. Geneva will try to attend our July meeting and have Rob take the Oath of Office.

At this time, the supervisors reviewed the current business plan. The updates/changes will be added and be in red. Rene' will make the updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

The June meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 11 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Rene' reviewed the mail. We received a request from a contractor to be added to our contractor list. Shane moved to allow the addition to the list, Michelle seconded. Rene' will update the contractor list.

We have received the completed signature page for the Clean Water Indiana (CWI) grant for operations. It is for \$10,000. Rene' has completed the invoice and sent it. We will receive this grant through a direct deposit from the state.

The Indiana Association of SWCD's has signed into a contribution agreement with NRCS to assist with CRP re-enrollment workload. We have utilized this agreement in past years to help supplement the district's operating fund. Rene' spoke with Calvin and Kerry to see if we would be interested in participating. Both agreed it would be beneficial since Calvin is already doing some of the CRP work. Rene' contacted the proper individual and we should be receiving a contract soon.

Rene' requested to attend a workshop in Rochester for strategic planning. She thought it might be beneficial when preparing the district's annual plan of work and business plan. The fee is \$30 and it will be on Friday, May 29. Michelle moved to allow \$30 to be paid for Rene' to attend this workshop. Susan seconded and motion carried.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Lisa reported that FSA is preparing for the County Committee Election. This year's election will be for someone in the LAA1 area which is Calvin's location. The election will take place November/December.

Staff is working on the current programs. Base and yields must be completed within 14 days prior to the program roll out. Actual program enrollment will not begin until July. Certifications will be accepted thru July 15.

There will be an open house on July 24 to celebrate the retirement of Diane Powell. She has decided to retire on July 30. Plan to stop in and wish her all the best.

June 1 is the deadline for crop insurance. There must be a 1026 on file for this prior to the June 1 date.

ACTIVITY REPORTS:

Rene' passed out the tree sale report. Discussion was held on whether to hold one next year. We looked up dates on the 2016 calendar and it would be on April 16 with packing April 14 and 15 if needed. Discussion was held about types of trees and fruit trees were discussed. This is something that we have never sold before. The committee will have to meet this summer and make a recommendation before fall so that Rene' can order stock.

The library kickoff is Monday, June 1 6-8 at the south branch library. Michelle, Susan, and Rene' will be attending. We are going to give away "dirt dough" and earth worms along with a Dig It bookmark.

The fair is the week of July 14 this year. Michelle and Susan are working on the booth activities. We talked about cover crop seed for gardens and wildflower seeds for pollinators. Michelle moved to allow \$200 towards the purchase of seed for the fair. Shane seconded, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Rene' presented all claims for payment. Shane moved to accept the claims as presented. Susan seconded, motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rene' has contacted the now closed Authentic Inc. our former plat book company. She has found out that they did actually print a 2015 plat book and they will sell them to us for \$6.00 per book. There has been no really good explanation as to why we were never told about this publication. Michelle moved to call and try to get 2 books if the shipping was not going to be extravagant. Shane seconded, motion carried.

Rene' has been in contact with the new company and they are ready to receive pictures and information to be used for the banner ads and also information about the district.

Geneva mentioned some upcoming events. August 25 is the Supervisor Summit at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. August 28/29 is the Leadership Conference at Fair Oaks and December 17 there will be meeting in downtown Indy. She encouraged all to mark the dates.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Minutes recorded and written by Rene' Weaver _____

WE AGREE THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES ARE ACCURATE.

DATE: _____