

**MINUTES**  
**Howard County SWCD Supervisor's Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 11, 2013**  
**Howard County Service Center**

Meeting was called to order by Shane Campbell Chairperson at 9:50 a.m. Those attending were Kerry Smith, Steve Byrum, Jim Stites, Glenn Stephens, Sarah Brichford, Calvin Hartman, Michelle Gilbert, Paul Marcellino, Evan Smith, Greg Lake, and Rene' Weaver.

Michelle moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Jim seconded. Motion carried and minutes were signed by supervisors.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Due to conflicts, the next meeting was set for Tuesday, July 23 at 9:00 a.m.

Rene' passed out a fair work schedule for everyone to look over and sign up for a time. She will give everyone a call the day before you are scheduled to work.

Budget information for the 2014 county budget request was reviewed. Shane moved to request a 3% salary increase for the full-time employees. Michelle seconded, motion carried. Michelle moved to approve the 2104 proposed budget request as presented. Steve seconded, motion carried. Rene' will notify supervisors when she receives date and time for our budget hearing.

**AGENCY REPORTS:**

FSA – Accepting applications for continuous CRP began in May. General CRP sign-up ends the week of June 10. To date there are 2 applications. FSA is in the middle of certification. This must be completed by July 15. Please make an appointment and get your maps marked. DCP is due August 2.

PURDUE EXTENSION – Busy with preparations for the fair, Hort. Lite program winding up and plant disease identifications.

COUNTY/CITY MS4 – Sarah Brichford reported that they are working heavily on the Darrel Chapel project. Residents must be signed up by July 3. They are having their fair booth outside the tennis center this year. They have installed a rain garden with the help of Master Gardeners at the First Farmers Bank and Trust Building. Sarah is working with students from IUK on monitoring the Kitty Run basin.

Inspections have been going well. Active sites must be inspected every 7 days. The larger companies are responding well and are willing to work with us. If there has been a storm event the contractors are to have on file a report. We should be asking to view this report. On-sites need to continue to be monitored in a timely manner.

Greg discussed the situation with annexation and the reduction of the county MS4 area. The annexation has shrunk the area but the Stormwater continues to operate at capacity with a reduction in their funding (approximately \$200,000). The district will continue to provide their services without interruption and plans are to renew the current permit. Currently the Stormwater District oversees all permitting. They would like to continue their partnership with the district. Stormwater is moving forward with their software upgrade and Greg suggested that we wait until after the upgrades and pool an order for IPADS.

The district is more than willing to continue their working relationship with the Stormwater District providing plan reviews and on-site inspections. The supervisors agree that waiting until software upgrades are complete before purchasing equipment to use for reporting is a good idea.

NRCS – The county-wide tillage transect is complete. Thank you to Sarah Lake, Evan, and Michelle for completing this project. It is estimated that 40% of the bean crop is no-tilled but there is still a large amount of conventional tillage being used.

Kerry will begin status reviews on 7 tracts. This is for wetland and highly erodible compliance. The tracts are selected at random. Letters have been sent to the landowners with notification of the upcoming review. Kerry is receiving 2-6 wetland requests per week and estimates that he has 15 to do. Most are for clearing woods.

There were 3 EQIP applications accepted, 2 for cover crops and 1 for a high tunnel.

SWCD – Re-enroll field work is close to being done. There are 5 +/- remaining. Most are ready to begin the paper and computer work. Calvin has been assisting Ben with Rule 5 inspections but since he has been busy with re-enrolls and will be leaving for vacation, Ben will have to take over more of the inspections. Calvin reported that for construction there is one waterway installed and 2 pit closures.

### **ACTIVITY REPORTS:**

MRBI- Michelle has been busy with cover crops and preparing the job sheets. She has also been doing some soil sampling for her manure management producers.

She reported that she has a cover crop site that was planted to annual rye grass and the grass is heading out. The field is planted to corn. The herbicide applied did not kill the grass.

RC&D – There is a meeting next week. The next big event is the soil health day at the Beck Center in West Lafayette on August 30.

CWI – Waiting for reports from Cornell. We have had some issues with getting our soil samples pulled before the farm side-dressed. We have two counties that we are unable to get samples.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Rene' presented the claims for payment. Jim moved to approve the claims as presented. Michelle seconded, motion carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Rene' has talked with Geneva and August 15 will be the date of our Business Plan Meeting. The supervisors set the time to begin at 9:00 a.m. Rene' will contact Geneva.

Reminder that the Soil Health Workshop in Tipton is June 28 beginning at 8:00 a.m. All are encouraged to attend. This is held at the Tipton County fairgrounds.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Minutes recorded and written by Rene' Weaver \_\_\_\_\_

***WE AGREE THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES ARE ACCURATE.***

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