

MINUTES
Howard County SWCD Supervisor's Meeting
Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairperson Shane Campbell. Those attending were Evan Smith, Michelle Gilbert, Kerry Smith, Jim Stites, Steve Byrum, and Rene' Weaver. Glenn Stephens was absent.

Rene' reported that the August minutes were amended to show that the board approved \$1,000 towards Calvin attending the No-Till Conference. Shane moved to allow, Steve seconded and motion carried.

Shane moved to approve the August minutes with the amendment, Jim seconded, motion carried and minutes were signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 15, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. (Date may change. It will depend on harvest and weather.)

Rene' presented a letter of support for the Kokomo Howard County Public Library. It is in support of getting the traveling exhibit about the Dust Bowl. Michelle moved to send the letter of support for the exhibit, Jim seconded, motion carried. Rene' will give the letter to Nicole Porter tomorrow.

Tipton County SWCD would like to continue the partnership with Howard County SWCD through another Clean Water Indiana grant for cover crop cost-share. The response has been very good through the current CWI grant which will end this year. Michelle moved to accept the offer from Tipton County SWCD to partner on another CWI for cover crop cost-share. Shane seconded, motion carried.

Rene' discussed applying for a CWI grant for technical assistance. This would be a multi-county project with Carroll, Clinton, Howard, and Tipton counties. If the grant were approved, the individual would work in all four counties. There would not be a set number of hours given to each county; it would be on a workload basis. The individual would assist with the On Farm Network, CWI grants, and the MRBI watershed. There is enough workload to keep someone busy. It has also been discussed that each district contributes a \$1,000 towards the salary. The grant would be a three year grant. Shane moved to accept the offer for a multi-county CWI grant for technical assistance. Steve seconded, motion carried.

AGENCY REPORTS:

PURDUE EXTENSION – Paul was not available.

STORMWATER, COUNTY & CITY – not available

FSA – Lisa reported that they are preparing for end of fiscal year. They are loading CRP contracts and she anticipates CRP payments to be made the first week in October and DCP/ACRE payments made the second week. She reminded everyone that corporations have paperwork that needs completed so if you have a corporation make certain you have your paperwork signed.

NRCS – CRP re-enrolls are completed and back to FSA. 19 new CRP's have been requested and the deadline to have them entered is September 20. There was no 3rd round of EQIP this year. Construction work has started. A stream crossing, 1,000' of fence, heavy use pads and 28 acres of grazing management have been installed. There has also been the installation of a high tunnel. There are 42 pending wetland requests. Several are for clearing of woods with non-valuable tree species and damage from years of animal compaction.

There is no farm bill or continuing resolution to date. No new EQIP or CRP applications will be accepted after October 1 if nothing is in place. Work can continue on existing contracts.

SWCD – Calvin was on vacation. Rene’ has been working on the Wildcat Experience for the freshman biology students at Camp Tycony.

ACTIVITY REPORTS:

RC&D – Rene’ reported that the RC&D annual meeting is today. Michelle reported that the Water Blitz is done. There is discussion of sending the samples to Purdue for analysis. All the CWI research plots are flagged and ready for seeding.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Fred Whitford was available on Monday, February 10, 2014 for the annual meeting. Rene’ has him confirmed. We now need to get a location secured. The Election Committee appointment must be submitted to the state by November 1. Michelle volunteered to chair the committee. Rene’ will contact Paul Marcellino and Glenn Stephens to serve on the committee. Jim’s term will expire this year. Jim would like to give someone else the opportunity to serve on the district board. He provided a couple of names to contact. Committee will need to find two individuals to run for supervisor. This must be submitted to the state by December 1.

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.

_____ DATE: _____