

Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District Business Meeting
Tuesday, August 3, 2021 beginning @ 7:30 AM
Purdue Extension, 1111 S. Jackson St., Frankfort, IN

Purpose: *The Soil and Water Conservation District is responsible for the leadership in conserving and protecting soil and water related resources within Clinton County. The SWCD provides information about soil, water and related natural resource conservation; identifies and prioritizes local soil and water resource concerns; and connects land users to sources of education, technical and financial assistance to implement conservation practices and technologies.*

Mission statement: *The Mission of the Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District is to create an environment through leadership, cooperation, and education, in which citizens wisely use and enhance natural resources.*

<u>Supervisors present</u>	<u>Associates present</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Others</u>
Clint Orr	Harold Marshall	Austin Green	Richard Moore	Adam Shanks, Purdue
Dustin Johnson (by phone)		Leah Harden	David Beard	
Matt Kelley		Katelyn Fagan	Ty Brown	
Jerry Batts				

The regular business meeting was called to order at 7:35 AM by Chairman Orr.

Minutes

A motion to approve the recorded minutes of the July 6, 2021 meeting was made by Matt. Seconded by Jerry. Motion carried.

Financial Report

The financial claims were submitted for review. A motion was made to approve the financial claims beginning July 6, 2021 and ending August 2, 2021. Matt/Jerry. Motion carried.

Certificates of Deposit ending in ***156 and ***613 will reach maturity. A motion was made to renew at the best rate and term available at maturity. Matt/Jerry. Motion carried.

Quotes were provided for the following: a banner to promote the tree sale. Banner will be posted on the courthouse square. Permission has been secured. Matt/Jerry. Also, quotes for t-shirts, window decals and stickers promoting the BWSC watershed were provided. It was suggested that these items be sold for cost recovery or find sponsors. Discussion followed concerning whether individuals would purchase or whether to give away at events. A motion was made to move forward with purchasing items with the BWSC logo. Matt/Jerry. Motion carried.

New Business

Dustin Johnson participated by phone for the cost-share approval portion of the meeting. Approval of cost-share was by roll call.

Austin presented cost-share applications for consideration:
S. Fork Wildcat Stewardship Initiative – Phase II (Section 319 grant)
Budget - \$100,000.00; remaining balance - \$0.00

Applicant #37 Cover Crops (340) 120 acres/\$35.00ac./\$4,200.00
Approval would be contingent on availability of funds. Funds may become available based upon approved applicants forfeiting funds due to lower costs for implementation or inability to implement the practice in a timely manner. By roll call: Matt/Jerry/Dustin. Motion carried.

Brown’s Wonder-Sugar Creek Stewardship Initiative (Section 319 grant)
Budget \$200,000.00; previously allocated \$42,294.03; remaining balance \$156,705.97

Application #12 – pending completion of paperwork
Applicant #13 Cover Crops (340) 300 acres/\$30.00ac./\$9,000.00

By roll call: Matt/Jerry/Dustin. Motion carried.

Clean Water Indiana Grant

Budget \$33,000.00; previously allocated \$4,752.00; remaining balance \$31,448.00

Applicant #4	Nutrient Mgmt. Planning (590)	160 acres/\$20.00 ac./\$3,200.00
	Gypsum Application	160 acres/\$10.00 ac./\$1,600.00

By roll call Matt/Jerry/Dustin. Motion carried.

Applicant #5	Cover Crops (340)	58.99 acres/\$20.00 ac./\$1,179.80
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By roll call Matt/Jerry/Dustin. Motion carried.

Applicant #6	Cover Crops (340)	160 acres/\$20.00 ac./\$3,200.00
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By roll call Matt/Jerry/Dustin. Motion carried.

Applicant #7	Cover Crops (340)	160 acres/\$20.00 ac./\$3,200.00
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By roll call Matt/Jerry/Dustin. Motion carried.

Information on the process for formally submitting a resolution for consideration at the 2022 IASWCD business meeting was presented and briefly discussed. The deadline to submit resolutions for consideration is September 17, 2021.

Information and details on the upcoming tree sale were communicated to the Board. The sale will begin late August thru mid-September. Delivery of trees and distribution will occur on September 24th.

Districts are required by District Law to appoint a nominating committee on/or before November 1 of each calendar year. The responsibility of the nominating committee is to seek eligible individuals for expiring elected and/or appointed officials to represent the Soil and Water Conservation District. The appointed term of Matt Kelley expires in 2021. Ty Brown is serving as a temporary appointment to fulfill the remaining elected term of David Beard who resigned earlier this year. Clint Orr, SWCD Supervisor; Jerry Batts, Supervisor and Harold Marshall, associate supervisor will serve as the nominating committee. Clint will serve as the chair of the nominating committee. Nominations for the appointed position are to be submitted to the State Soil Conservation Board prior to November 1, 2021. Matt Kelley agreed to serve another 3-year term in an appointed position. Names to be placed on the ballot for the elected position are to be submitted to the State Soil Conservation Board no later than December 1, 2021.

The Board agreed by consensus that the annual meeting will be held at Arborwood on the first Tuesday of March 2022 with the inclement weather date being the following Tuesday.

This District is required to convene the Local Working Group to prioritize natural resource concerns for the County. The results of that prioritization are sent to the State Technical Committee and will be taken into consideration as they develop the EQIP and CSP programs for the new fiscal year (FY2022). The Board will convene the Local Work Group on September 7, 2021 beginning at 8:30 AM. The meeting will be held at the Purdue Extension office in the basement conference room. Appropriate notice shall be given in accordance with policies.

The Clinton County Council sent notification of dates for budget hearings. Budget hearings will convene on Tuesday, August 17th beginning at 8 AM. Clint indicated that he would be available to attend the hearings with the District Administrator. The budget hearings will again be held on September 14th and 15th if there are any considerations that remain to be discussed with department heads. Schedules of the hearings were distributed to all supervisors with an invitation to participate in the process.

Old Business

A summary of House Enrolled Act 1437 – Public Law 88/Electronic Meetings and Signatures was communicated at a previous business meeting. Chairman Orr recommended that the full text be sent out and allow for full consideration and input prior to any action by the Clinton SWCD governing body. Any further discussion was deferred to the next business meeting.

Grant Updates

S. Fork Wildcat Stewardship Initiative Phase III– expected that contract for Phase III will be sent out in June or July. Recently received notification that it will now likely be November.

Brown's Wonder-Sugar Creek – several pending applications should be complete and ready for board consideration at the September business meeting. Two previously approved applications (Boone) should be submitting invoices soon to request reimbursement.

Clean Water Indiana – a draft application and process for applying for soil testing was sent out to the board, staff and partners for review and comment. Pending no further comment the expansion of the soil testing cost-share program will be adopted.

Staff Report/Conservation Partner Report

FSA, CED – Brittany Shepherd - no report provided

ISDA, DSC – Geneva Tyler – written report provided

Purdue Extension, AgNR Educator – Adam Shanks – verbal report

Purdue Central Indiana Field Day will be held August 25th from 8-2 pm at Kitchell Farms. The event agenda includes an Agronomy Track: a Safety Track and PARP re-certification. Boone County Extension will also be hosting a PARP recertification program on August 27th.

NRCS, District Conservationist – Kaitlyn Fagan – verbal report provided

Provided updates on COVID policies for the office. Masks are now required in USDA facilities. The building owner is working on a solution to the drinking water issues associated with the office building. At this time, he is providing bottled drinking water until the issue can be resolved.

Resource Conservation Specialist – Austin Green (written report provided)

A direct contact Jerry Jackson, IDEM concerning offsite sedimentation at the landfill was initiated. Upon review of the reports and the situation Mr. Jackson instructed landfill managers to plug the tile/culvert to stop the offsite sedimentation.

Rule 5 – One stormwater pollution prevention plan has been submitted for review. Twelve plat reviews have been submitted and reviewed for this calendar year to date. Rob Beck, IDEM, has asked for Austin’s assistance in resolving Notice of Termination submittals (76 projects appear on the list).

INField Advantage – soil tissue sampling has been completed on enrolled fields.

Tillage transect – completion of fall cover crop transects will be dependent on COVID restrictions.

A Field Day is being planned as a task requirement for the S. Fork Wildcat Creek-Phase II 319 grant. It will feature the raised beds demonstration area at the fairgrounds. Tentative date is December 7th (will require that the Board meeting date be changed to the following week – December 14th). Updates on the raised beds were provided: Adam planted one bed to corn and one to soybeans; fertilizer provided by CERES Solutions was applied by Adam; Austin is working with the Urban Soil Health Specialists to provide cover seed to be planted into the corn/soybeans this fall.

District Administrator – Leah Harden - verbal report provided

A proposal was drafted and submitted to the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative. The proposal included purchase of cover crop field guides and informational signage to complement the raised bed demonstration area at the fairgrounds. The proposal was distributed for review.

Other Business

The regular business meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM. Matt/Dustin. The next regularly scheduled business meeting will be Tuesday, September 7, 2021 beginning at 7:30 AM at Purdue Extension. The Local Working Group meeting will follow the regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Leah Harden.

Minutes Approval

Clint Orr, **Chairman**

Dustin Johnson, **Vice Chairman**

Jerry Batts, **Member**

Ty Brown, **Member**

Matt Kelley, **Member**