

## Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District Business Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 beginning @ 7:30 AM

In consideration of the COVID-19 national emergency the meeting was conducted via Webex.

**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		Austin Green	Richard Moore	Adam Shanks, Purdue
David Beard		Leah Harden	Harold Marshall	Geneva Tyler, ISDA
Dustin Johnson				Brittany Shepherd, FSA
Matt Kelley				
Jerry Batts				

The Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District regular business meeting was called to order by Chairman Orr at 7:35 AM. The meeting was presented and attended via Webex. The listed members were present and accounted for via a roll call.

Incoming (re)elected supervisor Dustin Johnson was issued the Oath of Office by Chairman Orr in the presence of witnesses on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Minutes

A motion to approve the recorded minutes of the March 3, 2020 annual meeting was made by Matt. Seconded by Jerry. Upon roll call five "ayes" were recorded. Motion passed.

### Financial Report

The financial claims for the period covering March 3, 2020 through May 4, 2020 were presented for review. Jerry made a motion to approve. Seconded by David. Upon roll call five "ayes" were recorded. Motion carried.

### New Business

*IDEM Section 319 Grant – S. Fork Wildcat Creek Implementation – see written report for additional updates.*

*Unallocated balance: \$24,943.92. Applicant #9 FY2019 indicated that he would be forfeiting \$15,000.00 in funds previously allocated. The funds will revert back to total funds available to allocate leaving a balance of \$35,943.92. Eight applications were submitted for consideration and approval. They are as follows:*

<b>Applicant ID</b>	<b>Practice</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Approval by</b>
Applicant 1-FY20	Cover Crops	118.5	\$4,147.50	Jerry/Matt	Roll call
Approval Jerry, David, Dustin, Matt. Motion carried.					
Applicant 2-FY20	Cover Crops	120	\$4,200.00	Matt/Jerry	
Approval Jerry, David, Dustin, Matt. Motion carried.					
Applicant 3-FY20	Withdrew Application	0	\$0	N/A	
Applicant 4-FY20	Cover Crops	52	\$1,820.00	Matt/Dustin	
Jerry abstained from voting. Approval David, Dustin, Matt. Motion carried.					
Applicant 5-FY20	Cover Crops	76.8	\$2,688.00	Matt/David	
Jerry abstained from voting. Approval David, Dustin, Matt. Motion carried.					
Applicant 6-FY20	Cover Crops	120	\$4,200.00	Dustin/Jerry	
Approval Jerry, David, Dustin, Matt. Motion carried.					
Applicant 7-FY20	Cover Crops	120	\$4,200.00	Jerry/Matt	
Approval Jerry, David, Dustin, Matt. Motion carried.					
Applicant 8-FY20	Cover Crops	81.4	\$2,849.00	Jerry/Matt	
Approval Jerry, David, Dustin, Matt. Motion carried.					
Applicant 9-FY20	Cover Crops	118.7	\$4,154.50	Jerry/Matt	

Approval Jerry, David, Dustin, Matt. Motion carried.

*IDEM Section 319 Grant – Browns Wonder-Sugar Creek Implementation* – see written report for additional updates.

Unallocated balance \$200,000.00

<b>Applicant ID</b>	<b>Practice</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Approval by Roll call</b>
Applicant 1-FY20	Forage and Biomass	10.2	\$2,295.00	Jerry/Dustin	
Approval Jerry, David, Dustin, Matt. Motion carried.					
Applicant 2-FY20	Cover Crops	64.27	\$1928.10	Matt/Dustin	
Jerry abstained from voting. Approval David, Dustin, Matt. Motion carried.					
Applicant 3-FY20	Cover Crops	300	\$9,000.00	Dustin/Jerry	
Approval Jerry, David, Dustin, Matt. Motion carried.					
Applicant 4-FY20	Cover Crops	300	\$9,000.00	Dustin/Jerry	
Approval Jerry, David, Dustin, Matt. Motion carried.					

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management has announced the grant application process and deadlines for the 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution program. A Notice of Intent is to be submitted by June 1, 2020 and grant proposals are to be submitted no later than September 1, 2020. Staff recommendation is to submit a project proposal for a third phase of implementation in the S. Fork Wildcat watershed with focus on the Tier 2 critical areas. Matt made a motion to approve. Jerry seconded. Upon roll call five “ayes” were recorded. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

*Clean Water Indiana Grant(s)* – no new updates

*IDNR-Lake and River Enhancement* – Grant agreement expires 9/1/2020. All funds allocated. One project pending completion.

### **Staff Report/Conservation Partner Report**

**FSA, CED** – Brittany Shepherd – Provided an update on the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Fifteen new offers have been received and have been referred to USDA, NRCS. Twenty-two CRP re-enrolls received. Provided an update on how the office is being affected under current COVID-19 guidelines.

**ISDA, DSC** – Geneva Tyler – provided information on supervisor and staff training that will be hosted in a virtual format this year. Expect to send out details in the coming weeks.

**Purdue Extension, AgNR Educator** – Adam Shanks – Purdue Extension is operating under current CDC guidelines and are meeting with the public by appointment only. Adam reported that Dr. Bob Nielsen, Corn Specialist, Purdue has announced his retirement. Interviews for a replacement are currently be conducted.

**NRCS, District Conservationist** – John Young – Acting (see written report)

**Resource Conservation Specialist** – Austin Green (see written report)

**District Administrator** – Leah Harden (see written report)

**Public Comments** - none received.

A motion to adjourn was made by Matt. Seconded by Jerry. Jerry/Dustin. Upon roll call five “ayes” were recorded. Motion carried. The next regularly scheduled business meeting will be held Tuesday, June 2, 2020 beginning at 7:30 AM. Location and format will be announced at a later date.

Respectfully submitted by Leah Harden.

### **Minutes Approval**

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Clint Orr, **Chairman**

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David Beard, **Vice Chairman**

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Jerry Batts, **Member**

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Dustin Johnson, **Member**

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Matt Kelley, **Member**