



THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

✓	Whitney Schlegel, Chair
✓	Dallas Conder, 2nd Chair
✓	Justin Conard
✓	Georgia Davis
✓	Keith McConnell

STAFF/PARTNERSHIP/GUESTS

✓	Martha Miller, Dist. Mgr.		Nathan Stoelting, ISDA/DSS
✓	Greg Coecker, CRT		
✓	Cara Bergschneider, NRCS/DC		
✓	Allison Shoaf, NRCS/ST		
	Alli McCain, ISDA/RSS		

Note: Roll Call votes were used due meeting via zoom

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & APPROVAL TO PAY CLAIMS

Hearing no changes - the minutes and claims to pay will stand as presented - WS, chair.

NRCS CIVIL RIGHTS

Cara Bergschneider, District Conservationist for Brown and Monroe Counties provided an overview of the Federal Civil Rights Policy that the MCSWCD Board and Staff acknowledge they will abide by.

CRITICAL AREA SEED PROGRAM

As of the date of this meeting all 55 bags were spoken for and will be picked up on Saturday, March 12 at Stephens Family Farm - local Beck Seed Dealer in Ellettsville

SEED SLINGER

Dallas updated that according to the dealer if all things go as planned we should be able to pick up the seed slinger by late March. DC offered to store the seed slinger and work with staff on rental pick ups and returns. After discussion a motion by GD was made to charge a \$50 refundable deposit and charge \$40 a day (for a 24 hour period) rental rate / 2nd by DC / Motion passed

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

Zoom registration is active and has been promoted. Awards will be given as follows:

- Kate Wiltz: 2021 Friend of Conservation
- Jeff Lucas: Established Conservationist
- Outlier Farms: Emerging Conservationist

TRAINING REQUEST - Soil Health 3 day training in Lafayette

Motion by DC to pay for registration and mileage for CRT to attend the Soil Health 3 day training in Lafayette this summer / 2nd JC / Motion passed

STOP CHECK ISSUE/POLICY



After discussion of the current issue with check # 4161 issued 11/18/2021 in the amount of \$2000 being unreceived due to a customer not providing a change of address a motion by GD was made to offer the customer to reissue the check if the customer would like to pay the stop payment fee charge / 2nd by DC / Motion passed

Moving forward MM will work on a Draft Policy for future issues to be brought to the board at the April meeting.

PARTNERSHIP GRANT APPLICATIONS PENDING

Motion by DC to approve applications 22-2 and 22-3 / 2nd by JC / Motion passed

VEHICLE INSURANCE FOR USE OF FEDERAL GOV VEHICLES

Due to rising gas prices staff requested consideration of finding options for the SWCD staff to use the Fed Gov Vehicles when possible. After discussion motion by GD was by and purse insurance if annual cost is \$1000 or less staff will secure a policy / 2nd by DC / Motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 abstained

WATERSHED PROJECTS

Staff requested to move forward on filing an NOI for a 319 to rewrite the Bean Blossom Watershed Plan and to serve as the lead on the Lower Salt Creek 319 Implementation Lawrence Co SWCD does not move forward as the lead on implementation. Motion by DC to approve staff to move forward on filing NOI for Bean Blossom rewrite plan and NOI if necessary for 319 Lower Salt Creek Implementation / 2nd by KM / Motion passed

STAFF REQUESTS

- Purchase district shirts for new staff and new supervisors
- Reimburse technician for personal cell phone use at \$50 a month
- Purchase a wireless printer for the office

Motion by DC to allow staff to purchase shirts, reimburse CRT at a rate of \$50 a month for personal cell phone use and to look into purchasing a wireless printer / 2nd by GD / Motion passed

SOIL TESTING PROGRAM REVAMP

Motion by DC to revamp the MCSWC Soil Testing Program as presented (see details below) / 2nd JC / Motion passed

<p>Basic Ag Test Price \$8.35</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organic Matter • Available Phosphorus • Exchangeable Potassium • Magnesium • Calcium • Soil pH • Buffer pH • Cation Exchange Capacity 	<p>Basic Lawn/Garden/Flower Test Price\$20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organic Matter • Available Phosphorus • Exchangeable Potassium • Magnesium • Calcium • Soil pH • Buffer pH (if needed) • Cation Exchange Capacity with graphic display of results and suggested fertilizer materials (for lawn,
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percent Base Saturation of Cation Element 	garden, nursery, landscape, and golf course samples only)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill/invoice customer after sample is mailed Flat rate Postage starts at \$9.45 If MCSWCD pulls samples \$10 Service Fee (go to other county's - maybe 10 miles over) For an analysis follow up appointment \$10 flat fee (for approximate ½ an hour) 	

NRCS MONTHLY REPORT

- Not much to update this month as we have been primarily working on getting the 33 Monroe and 13 Brown EQIP applications ready for the pre-approval deadline of March 18th. We have been out to the field for practice completion check outs but, otherwise, we are concentrating on planning efforts.
- I was the guest for the most recent Purdue Extension virtual luncheon with Beginning Farmers where I talked about the services and programs that NRCS offers. It was a small (5 growers) group but we had productive discussions and I was able to answer a lot of questions about how NRCS/SWCD/FSA is able to help farmers.
- This year the CRP maintenance reviews will be for two years; contracts ending in 2023 and 2024. This will double the CRP workload but catch us up on our maintenance checks so that we are visiting a CRP field at least 2 years prior to the contract expiring. This will give the CRP customer time to fix any issues with the stand if they are considering reenrollment. Monroe and Brown Counties have a light CRO workload so the increase in maintenance checks will not greatly impact this office. However, Allison will more than likely help other, heavy CRP workload counties in the coming months.

These Minutes were approved on APRIL 8, 2022

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