

# MINUTES

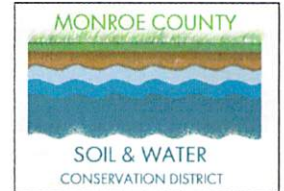
Wednesday, April 23, 2019

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Supervisors: Dallas Conder, Whitney Schlegel, and Keith McConnell

Staff: Cara Bergschneider and Martha Miller

Guests: Robert Woodling



## REGULAR BUSINESS

**Motion** by KM to approve the March 2019 minutes with amended to add NRCS report | 2<sup>nd</sup> by WS | Motion Passed

**Motion** by KM to approve financials as presented and pay claims 3070-3079 | 2<sup>nd</sup> by WS | Motion Passed

## OLD BUSINESS

**PSS Funds:** Currently waiting on payments (\$1705 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Qrt of 2019) and (\$405 for 4<sup>th</sup> Qrt 2019).

**Trust Indiana** item was suspended until the May meeting – WS will have her husband Kip review for more information.

**Poster Contest:** Martha will have Connor contact Principal and see if a presentation can be made during their awards ceremonies at each respective school.

**County Fair:** After discussion on how to best be represented at the 2019 Monroe County Fair WS made a **motion** that we have an unmanned booth in the commercial building with the Supervisors choosing 1-2 nights where they would all be in attendance and run the video series during that time. Becca will work on the video display option. / 2<sup>nd</sup> by KM / Motion Passed

**No-till Drill:** Robert Woodling was in attendance and agreed to work with Dallas to pick up the drill from the fair grounds and do a once over on the drill in exchange for use of the drill on his property. The board agreed to this option.

**Summer Outreach Coordinator:** Martha has hired Becca Vaughn to continue as the Summer Outreach Coordinator and she will also continue to work on the video series until August 1, 2019.

**Mini Grants:** There were 3 mini grants provided to the board for review and consideration

George Butcher: Invasive Work

Stephanie Richardson: Invasive Work

Robert Woodling: Culvert Repair on log trails

**Motion** to approve George Butcher and Robert Woodling by WS / 2<sup>nd</sup> by KM / Motion Passed

Martha to request more detailed information/clarification on the specifics of the invasive work to be done with the Richardson project.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Supervisor Resignation and Temporary Appointment:** **Motion** by DC to accept Bill Williams resignation as Supervisor and to appoint Georgia Davis to fill this position until the next annual meeting to be held February 29, 2020. / 2<sup>nd</sup> by WS / Motion Passed

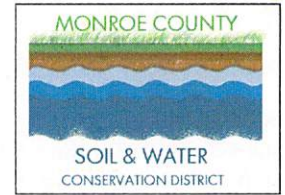
Martha will process paperwork to get it before the State Soil Conservation Boards May meeting.

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**SWR CWI Grant Proposal for Cover Crop:** Motion by WS from the Monroe Co SWCD to enter into agreement with the South Western Indiana Conservation Alliance for their 2020 CWI Grant Proposal / 2<sup>nd</sup> by KM / Motion Passed

**2020 CWI Invasive/Technician Grant with Brown and Owen:** Motion by WS to move forward on writing this grant proposal for more small land invasive work and to hire a technician / 2<sup>nd</sup> by KM / Motion Passed

**Women's Learning Circle:** WS and Martha will be working on developing a WLC event in the Fall of 2019.

**IDEA Fall Conference:** Motion by DC to pay for registration, hotel and mileage for Martha to attend the 2019 Fall IDEA Conference being held in Clifty Falls State Park / 2<sup>nd</sup> by WS / Motion Passed

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:** Martha will be attending an NRCS Facilitator and Meeting Planning Skills Training on May 15 & 16 at the State Office in Indianapolis.

**NRCS REPORT: Cara Bergschneider**

- Wrapping up EQIP for FY2019. Twice as many applications for Monroe County as in Brown County; not sure why this discrepancy since the number of applications have been almost equal in past years.

Monroe County EQIP applications by funding pool:

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|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| • Forestry: 7 | • Livestock: 4      | • Cropland: 2 |
| • Wildlife: 7 | • Specialty Crop: 3 | • CAP: 2      |

- Monroe County submitted one Wetland Reserve Easement application; the application ranked relatively high but funding is competitive this year. I will keep the Board updated on the status.

- We will be hosting a Forester at the Monroe County office who will be working in partnership with NRCS and The Wild Turkey Federation. Interviews will be conducted on May 8th and the person will move into the office to the west of my office. This position will serve the SW Area (details to exactly which counties will be served are forthcoming) and is funded for 3 years. There will be multiple benefits to having a forester in the office including fully staffing the office space as well as the more obvious benefits of having an expert on forestland management so close at hand.

- NRCS will have a Pathways Summer Intern in 2019 at the Bloomington Office. Selections have not been made.

- I have given a workshop on gardening using soil health concepts at the Bloomington Community Gardens and informed participants of the Brown County Conservation Day of available programs NRCS offers for forest management and wetland restoration. I will be giving a presentation on May 4th at the Bloomington Community Orchard on the basics of soil and incorporating soil health concepts into perennial systems. I will also be working with Ryan Conway on composting presentations at Unionville Elementary School. May 8th I will assist Kevin Allison with Marion Co SWCD on small farm planning at a 4 acre urban farm in Indy.

Minutes approved by the board on May 21, 2019

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