

# MINUTES

Wednesday, May 21, 2019

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Supervisors: Dallas Conder, Whitney Schlegel, Keith McConnell, Ryan Conway and Georgia Davis

Staff: Cara Bergschneider and Martha Miller

Guests: None



Immediately prior to the meeting both Ryan Conway and Georgia Davis were sworn

## REGULAR BUSINESS

Motion by WS to approve the April 2019 minutes | 2<sup>nd</sup> by KM | Motion Passed

Motion by WS to approve financials as presented and pay claims 3080 - 3094 | 2<sup>nd</sup> by KM | Motion Passed

## OLD BUSINESS

**Trust IN:** WS had her husband Kip Schlegel review the TrustIN organization and information and reported back to the board that seem all good to move forward. Motion by KM to close the savings and invest \$13,500 in TrustIN with the remaining savings funds being deposited into the checking account. / 2<sup>nd</sup> by RC / Motion Passed

**Mini Grants:** There were 6 new mini grants and 1 reconsideration presented to the board for review and consideration

Stephanie Richardson: Invasive Work

Andrea Avenda Koenigsberger: Erosion Control

Cara Bergschneider: Erosion Control

Suzanne Turner: Erosion Control

Carolyn Frey: Rain Garden

Mark Tirey: Invasive Control

Cathryn Creager-Chambers: Erosion Control

Motion by GD to approve Suzanne Turner and Cara Bergschneider erosion control mini grants applications and to suspend Cathryn Creager-Chambers until Mr. Guillen from Stormwater can be contacted for clarification on the project / 2<sup>nd</sup> by WS / Motion Passed

Motion by WS to approve Andrea Koenigsberger Erosion Control Mini Grant / 2<sup>nd</sup> by KM / Motion Passed the 4 votes of yes and with Ryan Conway abstaining

Motion by KM to approve Mark Tirey and Stephanie Richardson invasive mini-grant application(s) / 2<sup>nd</sup> by GD / Motion Passed

## NEW BUSINESS

**District Shirts:** Motion by WS to purchase Denim shirt for the Supervisors 2 per supervisor (1 long sleeve and 1 short) and to purchase 3 shirts for Staff, spending no more than \$500 / 2<sup>nd</sup> by GD / Motion Passed

Advanced Soil Health Training Opportunity for District Manager in West Lafayette, June 4, 5 & 6. Motion by RC to pay registration fees, mileage and hotel costs for training if it is still possible to register / 2<sup>nd</sup> by WS / Motion Passed

**Hoosier Hills FFA Partnership Opportunities:** Martha discussed with the board that she had talked briefly with Clint Deck, Ag Educators and FFA Advisor at Hoosier Hills and that she would be reaching back out to him in the near future to begin to see what types of partnership opportunities might be workable.

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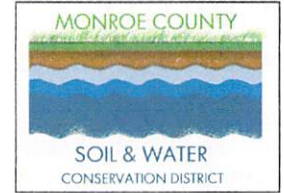
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**IDEA Regional Director Position:** Martha asked the board if they were supportive of her continuing to hold the Directors Position for the North-Southwest Area for another four years (through December 2023). This position is chosen/elected by the fellow employees of the following counties: Brown, Morgan, Putnam, Parke, Vermillion, Sullivan, Clay, Vigo, Owen Greene and Monroe. While Johnson County is in this region they do not choose to have IDEA Membership. The board was supportive and stated that it was fine with all of them for Martha to hold with position for another four years provided it did not interfere with her job. Martha notes this statement and will accept the position for another four years through December 2023.

**Cracker Barrel Meeting with Local Politicians:** The board would like to plan a meeting to chat with local politicians in Sept or October. Martha will have Connor head this up.




**LATE ADDED BUSINESS**

Whitney provided the board with details about a conversation she had had earlier that day with the coordinator for the Women4 The Land program coordinator Heather Bacher. Whitney is extremely interested in starting a women’s learning circle in Monroe County and mentioned she would even like to see a monthly meeting if possible.

**NRCS REPORT: Cara Bergschneider**

- Received word that 19 of the Monroe County EQIP application will receive funding. Cara will begin getting those people into the office to sign their agreements.
- The Regional Forester position with is funded through partnership position with National Wild Turkey Federation interviews have taken place and a candidate has been chosen. That person will start in mid to late June and will be housed in the Bloomington Service Center.
- Cara will have a NRCS Pathway’s Intern this summer exact start date is unknown at this time.
- Meet with Fable Farms, Sobremesa and Unionville Elementary on a composting program. The agreement was to wait until the Fall of 2019 to enact this program so that the students can receive the most benefit from the project. The principal is extremely supportive and excited about this partnership opportunity.
- CRP will be opening back up in June – but exact details are still unknown – waiting on a state conference call.

Minutes approved by the board on June 18, 2019

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