

# MINUTES

Wednesday, October 15, 2019

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Supervisors: Keith McConnell, Ryan Conway, Georgia Davis, Dallas Conder, and Martha Miller

Guests: None



## REGULAR BUSINESS

**Motion by RC to approve the September 2019 minutes as presented | 2<sup>nd</sup> by GD | Motion Passed**

**Motion by KM to approve financials as presented and pay claims 3138 - 3140 | 2<sup>nd</sup> by DC | Motion Passed**

### NRCS Update – provided after the meeting

- End of fiscal year reporting has been completed. Below I have listed some numbers I think the Monroe Co Board might find interesting. It was a very busy year!!
- Dollars obligated for contracts in FY 2019 for Monroe County: \$445,951. This is the most federal conservation program money that has been obligated to Monroe County, with 2013 coming in as a close second with \$408,443 obligated that year.
- I conducted 62 site visits with customers in Monroe County in FY 2019. 34 of those visits were with new customers.
- I participated in 21 outreach activities in FY 2019.
- NRCS has hired a Project Team Leader for each Conservation Delivery Team (CDT). This is a new position and will be my new supervisor. Doug Walker was selected for the Greencastle CDT position. Doug was formerly the District Conservationist for Clay County. Doug will be attending a Monroe Co SWCD meeting in the future to introduce himself- just wanted to give the Board a heads up!
- NRCS and the National Forest Service in Indiana and Illinois are working on a RCPP proposal for forestry funding in the Hoosier Hills and Highlands and Shawnee Hills region. Indiana and Illinois have partnered together since there will only be one RCPP grant selected for funding in the central region- strength in numbers! If this grant is selected for funding then it would bring in additional money for forestry practices aimed at increasing oak and hickory community regeneration.
- Outreach:
  - The soil health trailer was very well received at the Peden Children’s Farm Festival. The kids and adults loved the rain fall simulator and I had a table set up for the kids to feel the different textures of the soil.
  - I gave a presentation on the Basics of Soil to the Indiana Tree Steward course participants. This course is similar to the Master Naturalist program and was nice to see an evening of education dedicated to soil.
  - The IU Women’s Learning Circle was very well received with all evaluations expressing a very positive experience.
  - I am trying to shift into planning mode for FY 2020 with the anticipation that it will be a busy EQIP season. However, we have quite a lot of field check outs still left so I will continue to be away from my desk throughout most of November.

### **IDEA President**

Martha has been elected to serve a one-year term as the IDEA State President it should only mean about 4 more meetings a year.

### **Mutual Bank**

We received a notice that Mutual will begin charging a \$5 printing fee for printed monthly statements, but that e-statements are available if the board chooses to go this route. Discussion was had and it was agreed that no fee should

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be paid however it also seems like a good time to consider changing banks if the board chooses to do so. **Motion by KM to check around on Banking Options / 2<sup>nd</sup> by GD / Motion passed**

### Supervisor Elections and Appointments

Keith McConnell has accepted reappointment for a three-year term ending in December 2022

Dallas Conder has agreed to run for re-election for a three-year term ending in December 2022

George Davis has agreed to run for election to fulfill the remainder of the term for that she has been holding to the resignation of Bill William that is for a one year term ending in December 2020

### MS4 Plan Review for MS4's in Monroe County

After discussion it was agreed that the District Manager position should receive refresher training for reviewing MS4 plans and doing spot sight checks. This training is the received from an IDEM Stormwater Specialist. This MS4's of Monroe include: The County, The City of Bloomington, IU, Ivy Tech and The Town of Ellettsville.

### Request for purchase of Misc. items for District Use

The following items were requested to purchase at a estimated total of \$1100 with shipping and set up charges

- New Yard/Event Signs 6-8 @ \$10-13 each [\$104]
- Table Runner [\$200]
- Two pocket folder 250 @ 1.49 [\$375]
- Pull Over Shirts for Martha 3 @ \$40 [\$120]
- Georgia Davis smaller shirts she would also prefer a polo 2 @ \$40 [\$80]
- New Rollup insert for the display stand [\$130]

**Motion by KM to purchase above mentioned item, checking with county to see if any can come from the supply line, if not then to purchase from PSS funds / 2<sup>nd</sup> RC / Motion Passed**

### 2020 Board Meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm

Jan 21	Mar 17	July 21	Nov 17
Feb 18	Apr 21	Aug 18	Dec 15
Feb 29 – Annual Meeting	May 19	Sep 15	
	Jun 16	Oct 20	

### Annual Meeting

Martha will see if we can have the Harrodsburg Community Building

### Items for November Agenda

- Annual Meeting details
- Soil Testing Advance Services Options and Consideration
- Educational Book for Children from Stormwater Funds
- Bank Status and Debit Card

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