



MINUTES

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

In attendance: Keith McConnell, Shelby Hovious, Rick Routon, Dallas Conder, Bill Williams, Cara Bergschneider, Martha Miller and Nathan Stoelting

REGULAR BUSINESS

Motion to approve September 2017 Minutes by RR / 2nd by BW / Motion Passed

Motion to approve financials as presented and to pay claims by RR / 2nd by BW / Motion Passed

NRCS Report: IU Intern Sage getting his Masters in Science working with James Farmer will be doing some work with NRCS to develop a long range plan for an Urban Farm. Fall Transect will be December 1. Looks like we might have a ET Volunteer state winner. 2018 EQIP deadline is December 15 – 40 application in total between the counties.

OLD BUSINESS

State Conference Supervisor Scholarship: Rick Routon has received this for this year all hotel and registration will be paid by the scholarship, parking and mileage is not paid by the scholarship.

State Board of Account electronic review is in process.

Annual Meeting: Jane Hardisty will be retiring in December so she will not be able to speak at our Annual Meeting. Martha would like to produce a nice high quality booklet for distribution at the Annual Meeting at a cost of \$3 each for 200. **Motion by SH to purchase 200 booklets @ a total of \$600 / 2nd by KM / Motion Passes.** Shelby will reach out to both of the Monroe County FFA Chapters to see if they would have 4-5 members per chapter that would be available to serve and clean up – she wants to know if the board would support paying for their meals. **Motion by SB to pay for the FFA volunteers meals for the Annual Meeting / 2nd by BW / Motion passes.**

Mini Grants: Stormwater Board approved our funds for 2018. There is concern over the small amount held over the past couple of years. Martha would like the board to consider earmarking \$10000 for the waterway on Gary Conders property right off of highway 45. **Motion by RR to earmark \$10,000 for a waterway project with a final decision once the designs are completed and an estimate is given / 2nd by SH / Motion passes**

NEW BUSINESS

December meeting will be a regular meeting at the office on December 20 at 7:00pm.

Martha presented the concept of the **Smith Road Community invasive application** and adding additional funding to this potential project for a possible raingarden and some trees.

2018 Board Meeting Dates

All meetings will be the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the USDA Board Room

Jan 17	Mar 21	Aug 15
*Feb 24 (no regular meeting this month – Annual Meeting will be in it's place)	Apr 18	Sep 19
	May 16	Oct 17
	Jun 20	Nov 21
	Jul 18	Dec 19



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2018 Fall I.D.E.A Conference – Martha asked the board to consider sponsoring this event since it is in Monroe County next year with the funds made by her additional PSS work – that would be approximately \$3942 for the first payment and a second payment will be to follow.

Poster Contest – Martha would like to get this project started in Monroe County. It would be open to all K-4 grades in all schools and home school groups. There would be one winner from each school chosen by them – then from those winners the SWCD Board would choose an overall 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winner in each grade level. Those would then move on to the State Competition. Questions: What or how much to award winners and where to get the funds to cover these costs

No-till drill – Tabled until December meeting.

***Note:** Martha asked the boards permission to work on Friday, December 22 and take Tuesday, December 26 as her holiday as the Federal Office will be open and she will be on vacation from Monday, December 25 through Friday, January 5 and then at Annual Conference from Sunday, January 6 through Tuesday, January 7.