



# MINUTES

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

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

## REGULAR BUSINESS

**Motion to approve November 2017 Minutes by SH / 2<sup>nd</sup> by RR / Motion Passed**

**Motion to pay claims by SH / 2<sup>nd</sup> by RR / Motion Passed**

**Motion to use BloomBank as the 2018 depository by SH / 2<sup>nd</sup> by RR / Motion Passed**

NRCS Report: There are 50 2018 applications for the Bloomington Service Center. Brown 18-19 / Monroe 26 / Owen 3 / Morgan 2. In Monroe there are 4 Wildlife / 1 Cropland / 6 Forestry / 2 CAP / 8 Specialty / 5 Livestock. All 2018 applications are in we are now deferring all inquiries and new application to 2019. There is a Small Farms conference in Danville March 2-4, 2018 that is a great conference if any of the board is interested.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Annual Meeting:** The board will discuss at the January meeting what to give/do for Joe being our Annual meeting speaker. We have three sponsor to date for the event. Martha will get the board a copy of a sponsor letter they can use to go out and ask for donations.

**Annual Conference:** Mark Stoops and Jeff Ellington have both confirmed that they will be in attendance at the legislative breakfast. Monroe Co SWCD has received the Earth Team Volunteer Award for the Mark-it Program.

**State Board of Account electronic review** is still in process, all reviewers in the state were pulled for special assignment and thus our review is not completed as of yet.

**Mini Grants:** Conder Waterway Project will be a demonstration site for the SWCD if Gary Conder is ok with that. The board will set aside up to \$8161 for the total cost of the project. **Motion by RR to pay 75% of the whole project as a demonstration site, with FFA involvement for an educational component and to have some type of signage on site / 2<sup>nd</sup> by BW / Motion Passed**

**Motion by SH to do the Conder Project in 2 Phases. Phase 1 will be the installation of tile/pipe from the end of the water way through the field to the 0 point along Leonard Springs. Phase 2 will be the completion of the actual waterway along St. Highway 45. The SWCD will pay 75% of both phases at a total maximum payout by the SWCD for both phases not to exceed \$8161. / 2<sup>nd</sup> by BW / Motion Passed.**

**2018 Board Meeting Dates and Times:** Meetings will remain the same for 2018 to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm the dates are as follows:

Jan 17	May 16	Sep 29
Feb 24 (Saturday for Annual Meeting)	Jun 20	Oct 17
Mar 21	July 18	Nov 21
Apr 18	Aug 15	Dec 19

**Poster Contest – Tabled until Jan 2018 meeting**

**2018 Fall IDEA Conference – Tabled until Jan 2018 meeting**

## NEW BUSINESS

The Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District is a sub division of the state of Indiana government. Our purpose is to provide the Monroe County residents a link to local, state, and federal conservation programs. The SWCD is part of a partnership which includes: USDA's Natural Resources Conservation District, Purdue Cooperative Extension, USDA's Hoosier Heartland RC&D, Indiana State Department of Agriculture Division of Soil Conservation and Local Government Agencies.



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**Southern Indiana Grazing Conference:** March 7, 2018

**Hoosier Hills FFA sponsor request:** Should have a few members attend the January meeting to present their request to sponsor their State Forestry attendance.

**City of Bloomington Stormwater Program:** Rick has had some conversations with Vic Kelson, Director of City of Bloomington Utilities about ways the SWCD could assist with their mission and projects in regard to stormwater for private citizens. A meeting will be schedule to include Martha, SWCD District Manager and a couple of the other Supervisors and COB Utilities staff as well.

## REMINDER

Martha out of office from Friday, December 22 until Wednesday, January 10, 2018 – I will check the [mmiller@co.monroe.in.us](mailto:mmiller@co.monroe.in.us) email periodically.