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General Business

- Motion to approve the minutes as presented made by KM 2nd by WS – Motion Passed
- Motion to approve the financials and pay claims as presented by KM 2nd by GD – Motion Passed
- Motion to approve end of year financials as presented and continue looking for the discrepancy of \$75.15 until the February meeting by KM 2nd by GD – Motion Passed

NRCS Update

- Update to the Board on changes to EQIP through the Farm Bill 2020. This update was read directly from the January 2020 DC Talking Points.
- A general sign up for CRP is underway as are re-enrollments and continuous sign up.
- It will be a very busy EQIP sign up year. The application deadline has not been announced but all applications received will be deferred to 2021 in an attempt to manage workload.
- Cara will be attending The Hort Congress with the Soil Health Trailer and as a presenter.
- Cara will give a soil health presentation to the Monroe County Master Gardeners group next week.
- The first FOLM meeting occurred on MLK Day; Cara was not able to attend but has been in contact with the coordinator and let her know she plans on being involved in the steering committee.

- **Annual Conference discussion on breakout sessions and ideas**
- How do we engage people with SWCD
- What is the SWCDs customer base
- Elkhart Co SWCD conservation programming, funding resources and partnerships
- Organizational chart for local SWCD
- Possible future Annual Meeting speaker: Climate Change, Melissa Widhalm, Operations Manager, Purdue Climate Change Research Center; Districts Place and Purpose, Scott Ham

Stormwater 2019 Funding and 2020 programming

- Motion by KM to purchase cover seed with remaining funds 2nd by GD – Motion Passed
- Moving forward actions and activities for this funding will be referred to as Stormwater Partnership Programming this will include Educational Outreach and Landowner Cost-share

Action items from this meeting

- Find out who Council Liason for SWCD is
- Revamp Mini Grant program to be Stormwater Partnership Programming
- Contact Tron Enwright, Co. Surveyor about partnership opportunities as SPP evolves
- Send board Stormwater Financial Report and get date of meeting

Future Agenda Items

- ❖ February: discuss Advanced Soil Services, Hay Nutrient Testing, Grazing Conference Attendance
- ❖ April: discuss changing meeting dates



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These Minutes were approved on date

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