



**THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

✓	Whitney Schlegel, Chair
✓	Dallas Conder, 2nd Chair
	Justin Conard
✓	Georgia Davis
✓	Keith McConnell

**STAFF/PARTNERSHIP/GUESTS**

✓	Martha Miller, Dist. Mgr.
✓	Hannah Martin
	Cara Bergschneider, NRCS/DC
	Allison Shoaf, NRCS/ST
✓	Alli McCain, ISDA/RSS

✓	Nathan Stoelting, ISDA/DSS
✓	Nic Garza
✓	Marie

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES & APPROVAL TO PAY CLAIMS**

Hearing no changes – the minutes and claims to pay will stand as presented – WS, chair.

\*\* Martha did not bring March minutes to be signed – those will be available for the board at the July meeting.

- **Emerging Conservationist 2022**
  - This award was presented to Outlier Farms owner Nic Garza and partner Marie
- **No-till Drill**
  - Discussion was held about some needed repairs, who to have do them, etc. In that discussion it was talked about seeing if Master Rental would be interested in some type of partnership on the rental of that drill. Staff will reach out to Master Rental for a possible discussion.
- **County Council Resource Specialist Presentation**
  - WS, MM and HM all attended the MC Council Work Session to update the Council on the work being done by the Resource Specialist Position. The council was interested and today 1 council member has agreed to go on a 3-4 driving tour in August to see Conservation in Action throughout the County.
- **Partnership Grant Applications**
  - 22-11: Drainage in Ag Field – after discussion on this project the board agreed it was not as presented this project would not be beneficial to stormwater. Board would like HM to reach out and see about further discussion with a joint sight visit.
  - 22-14: Wind Erosion – after discussion on this project a motion by DC and a 2nd by GD was made to approve this application – Motion Passed
- **IFWOA (Indiana Forest & Woodland Owners Association)**



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- After discussion the board agreed to suspend this item until the July meeting asking for additional information on IFWOA and input from District Forester Amy Spaulding and Former Board Member Robert Woodling.
  
- **Beanblossom Watershed 319**
  - NOI is submitted
  - Grant application writing is in progress
  - Letters of support have been requested
  
- **Fair - both is a partnership approach with Stormwater & Solid Waste**
  - Give Away Items - Motion by DC and 2nd by KM to purchase 1 composter & 1 rain barrel from Solid Waste at a cost of less than \$200 total to be given away at the Fair. Staff to add branding to the barrel and composter. - Motion Passed
  
- **Bottom ground cover crop demonstration**
  - Would like to know if the board is interested in - investing some funding on a 1-5 ac plot for the use of cover crops in bottom ground. - After discussion the board felt this would be a good possible option and for the staff to reach out and set up a meeting with the landowner about possible details and MOU.
  
- **Upcoming Events**
  - Conservation Partnership Field Day - September 9, 2022
    - SLT / Wetland
  
- **NRCS Written Report: June 9, 2022:**
  - **4 more EQIP applications were preapproved for funding; 2 in Monroe (1 Livestock and 1 Forestry/Wildlife) and 2 in Brown (2 Livestock).**
  - **We only have 6 EQIP application submitted in 2022 that have not been preapproved for funding; 3 in Brown and 3 in Monroe**
  - **The Avian Influenza is still present in Indiana and we are following the guidance for site visits sent out by the NRCS State Office in May 2022**
  - **Forwarded information on the National Water Quality Initiative and Mississippi River Basin Initiative to Monroe & Brown SWCDs as well as Maggie Sullivan with Friends of Lake Monroe**
  - **ISDA/NRCS/SWCD Partnership Meeting will be held on July 28th**
  - **We have started our site visits for EQIP 2023, CRP new contracts and status reviews and general requests for technical assistance**
  - **I have the site visit report summary on my to-do list for March/April/May 2022 and hope to have that completed and out by the end of next week.**
  - **Our intern, Allison Nguyen, started on May 25th and will be here until July 19th.**



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● **Projects/Events in discussion or process**

- Small Farm Driving Tour
- Woman4theLand Events
  - FFA Focus Livestock
  - General Small Farm
  - Woodland Owners with Owen Co
- Repurposed Large Scale Container Garden Program
- Cover Crop Field Day with Beck Seed in Fall

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**These Minutes were approved on July 14**

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