



MINUTES

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

In Attendance: Dallas Conder, Chair; Shelby Hovious; Keith McConnell; Rick Routon; Bill Williams, Cara Bergschneider, & Martha Miller

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

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

NRCS Update: Intern Ryan Scully finished up well. Working on CSP applications. 65 total EQIP and 6 CSP contracts in Brown and Monroe. SWA Soil Health Team is working on a fully functional Soil Health Trailer and they hope to have it up and running by early 2018. Been doing Microscope Demos at other board meetings. Giving a High Tunnel talk. NRCS is no longer requiring DC to attend SWCD Board meetings that fall outside the normal work day. Cara will still be attending the SWCD meetings. Need to do the civil rights training at the September board meeting. Need to set a date for the locally led meeting. September 20th at 6:00pm at the USDA for the Monroe County Locally Led

Motion by RR to accept Jeff Bailey's resignation and to accept the appointment of Shelby Hovious until the 2018 Annual Meeting / 2nd by DC / Motion Passed

Hinkle Garten Farm update: IU Team has gotten a grant to improve the soil health and produce on the farm for the next five years. In an effort to make this project success it would be advised that the SWCD become a partner of the IU grant project and let IU and BRI work out the legal issues. This would allow the SWCD and NRCS to continue to work on the soil health.

Motion by RR to partner with IU Team and reassign the funds originally allocated to BRI Hinkle Garten to the IU Team Hinkle Garten project at a maximum of \$2000 and then to re-evaluate in January / 2nd by SH / Motion Passed.

The Monroe County SWCD signed a letter of support for the Greene County 319 Project.

75th Annual Meeting

When: Saturday, February 24th 2018 – rain/snow date Saturday, March 3

Where: St. Paul United Methodist Church

Time: Doors open at 8:30 – breakfast at 9:00 – meeting at 10:00

What: Breakfast with guest speakers – Jane Hardisty & Joe Peden

4 breakout sessions:

- Growing in a Hoop House
- Stormwater what is it City & County
- Pasture Management: How to increase your forage yield
- Invasive plants on a small plot



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Motion by SH to charge \$10 a ticket pre-purchased and \$15 at the door, will use Eventbrite and on line purchases / 2nd by RR / Motion Passed 4 in favor, Dallas wanted it to be stated that he opposed this amount.

Additional Discussion:

Finding a way to involve the local FFA Chapters

Checking into Cracker Barrel for the breakfast

Check with Liz Tapp about providing baked goods

Potential Sponsors: Rural King, Smith Implements, Westside John Deer, White River Coop, Bloomingfoods, Fresh-n-Tyme

Discussion about a spring tree seedling give away was held, in lue of the fact that the SWCD no longer does a fall tree sale.

Motion by SH to give Martha jurisdiction over a tree giveaway program and to spend no more than \$250 maximum / 2nd by BW / Motion Passed

The watermelon fans were a MAJOR hit at the fair a total of 1500 were handed out – request to purchase more now for next year. **Motion by RR to purchase more fans up to a maximum of \$2000 / 2nd by SH / Motion Passed**