

**MINUTES**  
**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING**  
**July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**  
**WebEx Virtual Meeting**

All SSCB members were present for the WebEx meeting.

- I. 9:31 am: Call to Order by Brad Dawson
- II. Approve Minutes of May 2020  
Motion to approve by Bob Eddleman 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kenny Cain. Motion approved.
- III. Clean Water Indiana
  - a. Clean Water Indiana Grants – Geneva Tyler – See attached report
  - b. Clean Water Indiana Grants Committee report- Kenny Cain –See attached report
  - c. Grants Management System (GMS) demo- Leah Harmon – See attached description. Screen was shared with the GMS program and brief overview was given of the new program for grants. Positive feedback given for the system.
  - d. Washington County SWCD Grant modification request- Laura Fribley Motion to make the changes to the grant modifications as requested. : Bob Eddleman 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ray Chattin. Motion approved.  
Washington Co staff were available for questions. See attached documents. 2019 CWI Grant with Floyd County for invasive species.
  - e. 2021 CWI Non-SWCD led Concept Papers
    1. Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Fund: Marshall County was on the call. Funds are not approved for equipment. Motion to move to next phase by Warren Baird. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kenny Cain Motion approved.
    2. Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts: IASWCD was on the call. Cash match is not out of the question from IASWCD, in-kind is match is around \$1,700. Timeline still allows for discussion of more match as IASWCD discusses budget. SSCB board member encouraged cash match for the application and having measurable specific goals and outcomes. Motion to move to next phase by Kenny Cain 2<sup>nd</sup>: Larry Clemens. Motion approved.
    3. Maumee Watershed Alliance: Maumee Watershed Alliance representative, Sharon was on the call. Eleven groups and 3 citizens involved in the Alliance. SSCB member recommended that the equipment be removed. Reports will come back from the organizations to report on how things are going and their growth. No discussion on quantifying has been discussed at this point for the grant. What is the change that will take place? Motion to move to next phase by Bob Eddleman 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kenny Cain Kenny –yes, Bob-yes, Ray-yes, Larry-yes, Amy-yes. Warren-No. Motion approved.
- IV. State Soil Conservation Board Business

- a. Chairman's Report- Brad Dawson Thank you to board members and partners for continuing to adapt to the virtual meetings.
- b. New supervisor welcome letter- Tara Wessler-Henry See attachment. Agreed to move forward with letter with recommendations from board.
- c. ISDA Budget update- Jordan Seger and Julie Harold  
 Ended fiscal year 2020, reverted \$0, all was spent. DSC Director \$90,000 save diverted to CREP. \$265, 000 goes to 2021 start for CWI. 15% of budget was cut and plan was submitted to Office of Budget but did not cut 15% from dedicated funds (CWI). Has been approved, for now, from OMB. 15% is off the general funds only. \$614,000 for 2021 CWI Competitive and non-District led grants is now able to be held onto. Should be around the million dollar mark, like last year, for CWI, for now.  
 Current ask: CREP appropriation from CWI \$660,000.  
 Larry Clemens: Should we consider more funding to CREP for the investment? Answer: You can go above that if you choose and can do so at a future SSCB meeting, the \$660,000 help meets the match with USDA. If you increase you will be using CWI grant funds. You have the ability to add to CREP in the future. **Motion to allocate \$660,000 to CREP by Bob Eddleman 2<sup>nd</sup> : Amy Burris**  
 Suggested that we have CREP information for the Grants Committee so as they are going through the grants they can make an informed decision. **Motion approved.**

## V. Soil and Water Conservation Districts

- a. Election process- Geneva Tyler
  - i. Oath of Office policy. **Motion to not require a witness for the Oath of Office form by Larry Clemens. 2<sup>nd</sup> : Bob Eddleman. Motion approved.**
  - ii. Nominations from the floor. **Motion to have DSSs provide guidance to districts concerning nominations from the floor. A nominee will accept the nomination then provide information about themselves from the floor. Ground rules and time limits need to be set by the local board for nominations from the floor protocol. Motion by Bob Eddleman. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Larry Clemens. Motion approved.**
  - iii. Withdrawal of a Candidate: **Motion to make a withdrawal of a candidate it must be in writing, documented at the local level by Kenny Cain 2<sup>nd</sup>: Larry Clemens. Motion approved.**
- b. Jasper County Temporary Appointment- Geneva Tyler  
**Motion to approve Stuart Orr by Kenny Cain 2<sup>nd</sup>: Amy Burris Motion approved (Larry Clemens excused himself from the vote due to association to candidate.)**
- c. Floyd County Temporary Appointment- Laura Fribley **Motion to approve Reba Kamer by Kenny Cain 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ray Chattin. Motion approved.**

Partner reports were submitted and will be available on the website.

## VI. Public Comment

Joe Schmees mentioned Annual Conference was moved to virtual conference. SSCB board meeting is welcome to be a part of the annual conference. All the six districts that applied for NACD grants were funded.

Lisa Holscher highlighted items from the report. The positions have been funded by NRCS and Purdue. CCSI recently received one of the NACD grants. She highlighted the in-field video equipment.

**VII. Next Meeting:** September 15, Location or Virtual TBD

**IX. Adjourn**

**Motion by Bob Eddleman 2<sup>nd</sup> :Kenny Cain. Motion approved to adjourn.**

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