MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 21, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER - On Tuesday April 21, 2015, at 7:03 pm a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the St Joseph County SWCD at the Centre Township Branch of the St. Joseph County Public Library was called to order by John Dooms, Chairman.

PRESENT – SWCD/NRCS
John Dooms, Chair/Supervisor
Stacey Silvers, Supervisor
Arlene Schuchman, Supervisor
Sandra Hoffarth, SWCD Admin Assistant
Rick Glassman, SWCD EEC
Debbie Knepp, NRCS DC
James Rodriguez, NRCS

PRESEN T – SWCD
Jeremy Cooper, Vice-Chair/Supervisor
Mike Burkholder, Supervisor
Dave Craft
Melvin Kulwicki
Randy Matthys
Dru Wrasse
Chuck Lehman

ABSENT – SWCD
Jan Ivkovich
Jim LaFree
Carole Riewe
Richard Schmidt
Dale Stoner
Vandewalle

PRESENT – HONORARY
Jeremy Cooper
Mike Burkholder
Melvin Kulwicki
Randy Matthys

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II. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - n/a

III. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Legislative Updates – Clean Water Indiana Grant (CWI) might not be fully funded at the state level. All are urged to contact our legislatures to have them approve the full 1 million which helps us keep conservation moving forward.

B. Indiana Conservation Partnership Updates – N/A.

C. Minutes: March 17, 2015 board meeting– The minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

D. Treasurer’s Report: (3/18/15-4/21/15) – The treasurer’s reports were both reviewed and approved as submitted.

E. Approval of Claims (3/18/15-4/21/15) – A recommendation (Schmidt, Riewe) & motion (Schuchman, Silvers) was made to approve Claim Nos. 10988-11003 for a total of $7,248.67 as presented. Both carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. St. Joseph Co. Soil & Water Conservation Partnership Staff Written Reports – The field office report was presented to the board (attached) and reviewed. James Rodriguez went over the NRCS talking points covering a few Farm Bill program updates. (attached)

B. Committee Reports
   a. Forestry Committee – Tree Sale Update – (Profit & loss attached). A Recommendation (LaFree, Silvers) and motion (Schuchman, Silvers) was made to sell remaining trees, after grants, be sold to Joe Long at cost. Both carried.
   b. Marketing – small magnets – Sandra Hoffarth reported we have about 500 magnets remaining but the fax number needs to be updated. Gave an option for a new style with the Don’t Farm Naked logo or to just replace the “updated” sticker from before. A recommendation (Schmidt, Silvers) was made to have Hoffarth replace the fax number sticker and use up current supply. Recommendation carried.

C. Committee List – Rick Glassman went over the current committee list and asked for the last few remaining spots to be filled with volunteers present. The Forestry committee is still in need of a chairman which will be voted on at the next committee meeting. See attached for the full committee list.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Schedules/ Upcoming Events / Any Related Claims - calendars were handed out explaining upcoming special events & holiday schedules.
   a. Soils Board Meeting – Culver, IN May 12 – State Soils Board meeting usually held in Indianapolis. This is a good opportunity to see what they do (they cover CWI, IASWCD, etc.).
   b. Landfill Inspection – Sarah Harville announced the landfill inspection will be on May 14 – She has been filling with volunteers present. The Forestry committee is still in need of a chairman which will be voted on at the next committee meeting. See attached for the full committee list.

VI. PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR – Sarah Harville announced tomorrow (April 22nd) is her 2 year work anniversary and wanted to thank everyone for allowing her to grow and learn in her position and looks forward to what is still to come in the future. John Dooms made sure that everyone read the letter from the IASWCD President Mike Starkey (attached).
VII. ADJOURNMENT – The board meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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