

AGENDA
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
9:00 a.m. Monday, August 1, 2011
The Nature Conservancy
620 E Ohio Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

- I. 9:00 AM: Call to Order**
- II. Approve Minutes of June 2011**
- III. Clean Water Indiana**
 - a. CREP Update- Jon Mangles
 - b. Grants Report - Jennifer Pinkston
 - i. Reporting Deadlines Discussion
 - c. CWI Budget- Jerod Chew
- IV. Soil and Water Conservation Districts**
 - a. Temporary Supervisor Appointments – Jennifer Pinkston
 - b. Election Deadlines – Jerod Chew
 - c. Upcoming Dates – Laura Fribley
- V. SSCB Board Reports and Discussion**
 - a. SSCB Chairman’s Report – Larry Clemens
- VI. ISDA Reports**
 - a. Division of Soil Conservation Report
 - i. Technical Support Update –Jerod Chew
 - ii. District Support Update – Jim Lake
 - 1. 2012 CWI Grants
 - iii. Water Quality Update – Jerod Chew
 - iv. Accountability and Technology Update – Deb Fairhurst
 - v. Agriculture Affairs Update – Roz Leeck
- VII. Conservation Partner Reports**
 - a. DNR Report
 - b. IDEM Report
 - c. Purdue Report
 - d. IASWCD President’s Report
 - e. FSA Report
 - f. NRCS State Conservationist’s Report
- VIII. Public Comment**
- IX. Next Meeting: TBA**
- X. Adjourn**

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August-2011
CLEAN WATER INDIANA REPORT

Executive Summary:

Administered by the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB), the Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Grants Program is funded through the CWI Initiative. The purpose of the CWI Grants Program is to provide financial assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) to implement conservation practices to reduce non-point sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost share programs.



2010 CWI GRANT

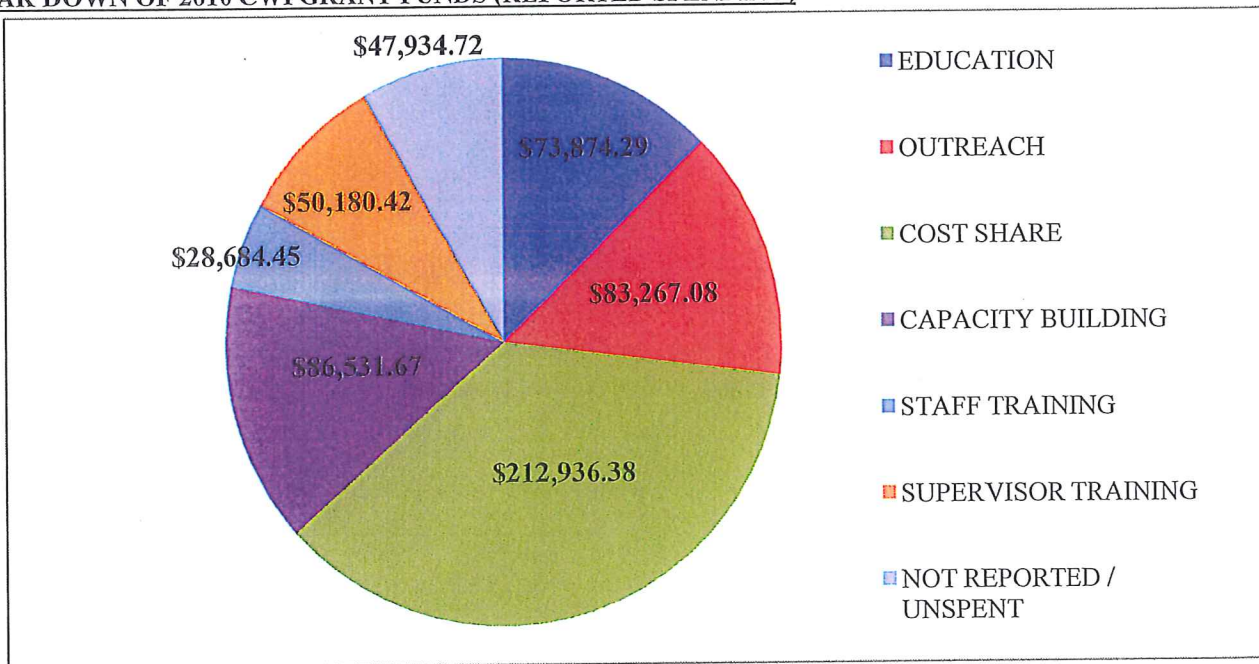
PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2010, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) designated \$550,000 for this grant cycle, as well as provided more choices for the use of grant funds. Each Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) was given the opportunity to apply up to \$7,000. The focus for this round of grant funding includes:

- Adult Education
- Outreach/Marketing
- Cost Share Incentives
- Capacity Building
 - Staffing
 - Leadership Development Training

88 SWCDs applied for the 2010 CWI grant totaling \$583,409. The SSCB approved all grant applications and funded the total amount applied. All 2010 CWI grants have one year to complete their project, except for Leadership Development Training. Projects start January 1, 2010 and must be complete by December 31, 2010. Leadership Development Training reimbursement may include training from July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.

BREAK DOWN OF 2010 CWI GRANT FUNDS (REPORTED SPENDING)



STATUS UPDATE:

- 80 Districts have submitted a final report and final payment has been issued. \$559,219.04 has been paid. \$18,301.71 has been liquidated.
- Final Reports were due May 31. 2 counties have not submitted their final report. We are working with those districts (Ripley and Monroe) to get final reports submitted.
- The following counties have extensions on the 2010 grants: Hancock (10/31), Elkhart (9/30), LaPorte (9/30), and Tippecanoe (11/30), Lawrence (7/31)

2011 CWI GRANT

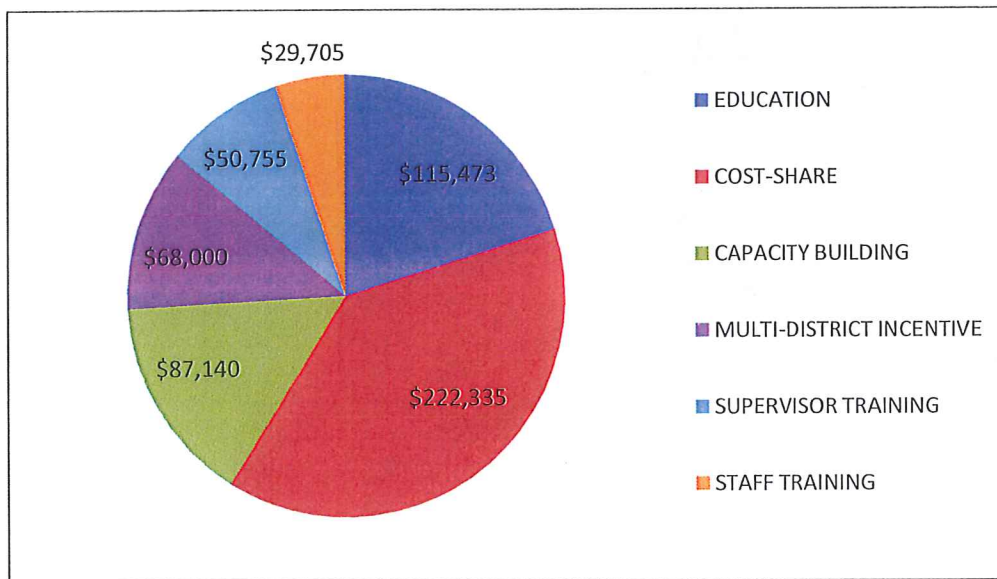
PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2011, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) designated \$644,000 for this grant cycle, as well as provided more choices for the use of grant funds. Each Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) was given the opportunity to apply up to \$7,000. The focus for this round of grant funding includes:

- Adult Education
- Outreach/Marketing
- Cost Share Incentives
- Multi-District Initiatives
- Capacity Building
 - Staffing
 - Leadership Development Training

88 SWCDs applied for the 2011 CWI grant totaling \$573,408. The SSCB approved all grant applications and funded the total amount applied. All 2011 CWI grants have one year to complete their project which starts January 1, 2011 and must be completed by December 31, 2011.

BREAK DOWN OF AWARDED 2011 CWI GRANT FUNDS:



STATUS UPDATE:

- To date, 88 Districts have returned a signed contract for 2011
- 88 Districts have received the initial 75% of their grant request.
- 78 Districts have submitted six month reports; Reports were due June 30

2011 CWI WATERSHED GRANT

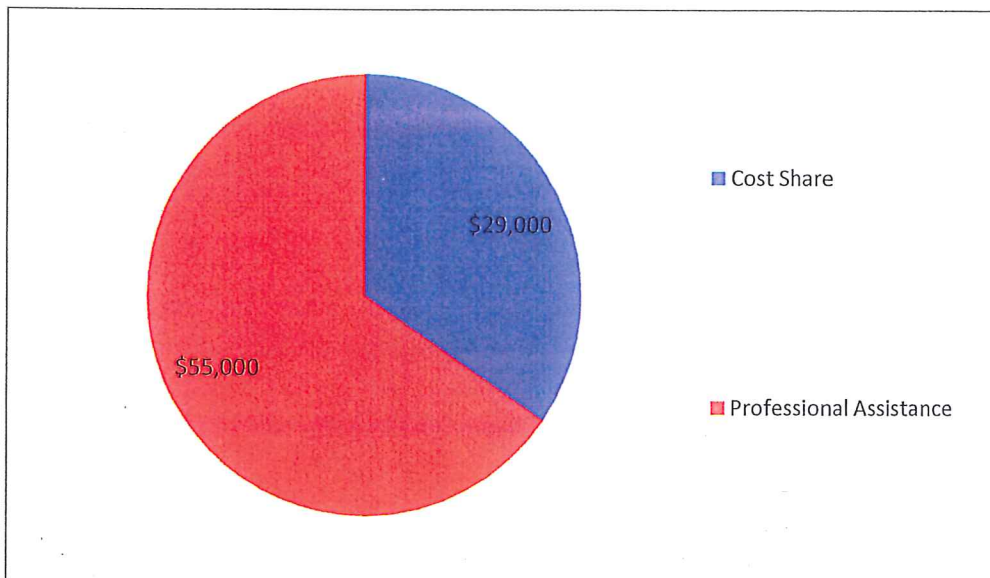
PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2011, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) awarded \$84,000 for competitive watershed-based grants. **Projects** are to fund one or more of the categories listed below:

- Cost Share/Incentives/Demonstrati
- Increase Direct Professional Assist

18 applications were received for the 2011 CWI grant totaling over \$500,000. The SSCB approved 5 grant applications and awarded a total of \$84,000.

BREAK DOWN OF 2011 CWI WATERSHED GRANT FUNDS:



- To date, all 5 districts have received the initial 75%



Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

August 2011 Report

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a federal-state natural resources conservation program that addresses agricultural-related environmental concerns at the state and national level. CREP participants receive financial incentives to voluntarily enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in contracts of 14 to 15 years. Participants remove cropland from agricultural production and convert the land to native grasses, trees and other vegetation.

The Indiana CREP is a partnership of the Indiana State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB), Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and The Nature Conservancy (TNC). The program currently targets the enrollment of 26,250 acres of land in 11 watersheds where sediments, nutrients, pesticides and herbicides run off from agricultural land.

The program will improve water quality by creating buffers and wetlands that will reduce agricultural runoff into the targeted watersheds. Installing buffer practices and wetlands will enhance habitat for wildlife, including State and Federally-listed threatened and endangered species. The program will also reduce nonpoint source nutrient losses.

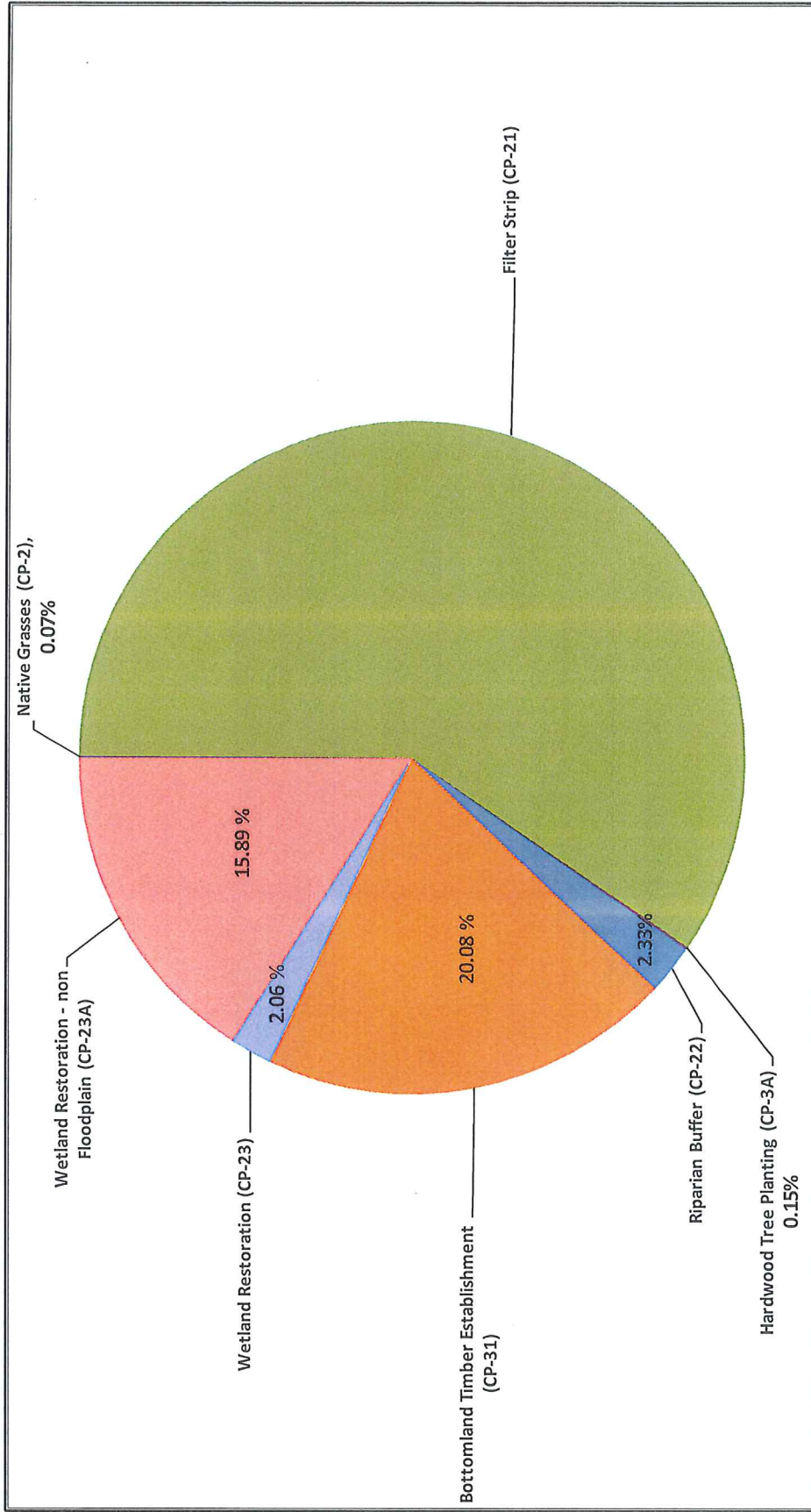
Table 1. PAID CREP AGREEMENTS AND AMOUNT AS OF JULY 19, 2011

Watershed	SWCD CREP Administrators	Paid Agreements	Paid State Funds	SWCD Administrative Fees (since expansion)
Upper White River Watershed	Hamilton Co.	239	\$649,140.0	\$5,640.0
Tippecanoe River Watershed	Fulton Co.	519	\$755,365.0	\$1,573.0
Highland-Pigeon Watershed	Gibson Co.	89	\$47,517.1	\$3,085.0
Middle-Wabash-Busseron	Sullivan Co.	1	\$41,040.0	\$4,104.0
Current Reporting Period (ending on July 19, 2011)		848	\$1,493,062.1	\$14,402.0
Previous Reporting Period (April 2011)		816	\$1,338,685.0	

Table 2. ENROLLED ACREAGE BY WATERSHED AS OF JULY 19, 2011

Watershed	Native Grasses		Permanent Wildlife Habitat		Filter Strip		Hardwood Tree Planting		Riparian Buffer		Bottomland Timber Establishment		Wetland Restoration		Wetland Restoration (non floodplain)		Total
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	
Upper White River Watershed	1.6	0.0	412.7	1.0	127.1	1,003.8	0.0	16.0	1,562.2								
Tippecanoe River Watershed	0.0	0.0	2,916.8	0.0	7.8	20.4	121.7	924.0	3,990.7								
Highland-Pigeon Watershed	2.5	0.0	185.6	7.6	2.9	61.3	0.0	0.0	259.9								
Middle-Wabash-Busseron	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	102.6	0.0	0.0	102.6								
Current Reporting Period (ending on July 19, 2011)	4.1	0.0	3,515.1	8.6	137.8	1,188.1	121.7	940.0	5,915.4								
Previous Reporting Period (April 2011)	4.1	0.0	3,455.5	8.6	122.2	991.8	121.7	840.0	5,543.9								

Figure 1. TYPE AND PERCENTAGE OF ALL INSTALLED CREP CONSERVATION PRACTICES



Additional CREP Information:

Lower East Fork White:

Approximately **176 acres** of CP-31 (Bottomland Timber Establishment) have been enrolled since January 2011. One landowner enrolled approximately 130 acres.

Lower Wabash:

CREP enrollment has been very successful. Six different landowners enrolled approximately **240 acres** of CP-31 (Bottomland Timber Establishment), ranging from 5 acres to 82 acres. In addition, one landowner is converting **21 acres** of cropland to CP-23 (Wetland Restoration within the floodplain).

Lower White:

Approximately **20 acres** of CP-2 (Permanent Native Grass) and **30 acres** of CP-31 (Bottomland Timber Establishment) are in the hopper to be completed. Additional cropland may be converted to CP-2 (Native Grasses).

Middle Wabash Busseron:

Enrollment has been very active in this watershed. On July 7, Kenny Farrington, a farmer of Vermillion County, received a check for \$41,040. He converted 102.6 acres of cropland to CP-31 (Bottomland Timber Establishment). About 51,000 tree samplings were planted on Farrington's 102.6 acres. Dale Walker, resource specialist, presented the check to the farmer. The event was held at a gazebo overlooking the Wabash River near South Water Street and Elm Street in Clinton. It was attended by local media, Les Zimmerman (Vermillion County SWCD), Connie Brown (FSA), Bob Eddleman (SSCB), Bill Mann (SSCB), and Mike Carty (County Council of Vermillion County), among others.

In Vermillion and Sullivan counties, approximately **2 acres** of CP-22 (Riparian Buffer), **53 acres** of CP-2 (Native Grasses) and **100 acres** of CP-31 (Bottomland Timber Establishment) have been enrolled since December 2010. It is expected that some of the tree planting will take place in early 2012.

Middle Wabash Deer:

6.6 acres of CP-2 (Permanent Native Grass) and **12.7 acres** of CP-31 (Bottomland Timber Establishment) are in the hopper.

Middle Wabash Vermillion:

Approximately **20 acres** of CP-31 (Bottomland Timber Establishment) have been enrolled since the expansion.

Pigeon-Highland:

Since the expansion, approximately **2 acres** of CP-2 (Permanent Native Grass), **5 acres** of CP-22 (Riparian Buffer), and **11 acres** of CP-31 (Bottomland Timber Establishment) are in the hopper. A few acres have already been planted out.

Tippecanoe:

No new agreements since the expansion.

Upper East Fork White:

23.5 acres of CP31 (Bottomland Timber Establishment) and **33.4 acres** of CP-3A (Hardwood Tree Planting) are in the hopper.

Upper Wabash:

Approximately **17 acres** of CP31 (Bottomland Timber Establishment) and **1 acre** of CP-4D are in process of completion.

Upper White:

Since the expansion, **1 acre** of CP2 ((Permanent Native Grass), **10.7 acres** of CP-21 (Filter Strip), **12.4 acres** of CP-22 (Riparian Buffer), and **10.9 acres** of CP-31 (Bottomland Timber Establishment) are in various stages of completion.

Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District

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July 27, 2011

Larry Clemens, Chair
State Soil Conservation Board
Indiana State Department of Agriculture
One North Capitol Ave
Ste. 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Larry,

The Allen County Soil & Water Conservation District is hereby requesting a one-year extension to the current 2011 Clean Water Indiana grant.

This extension is necessary due to the abnormally wet spring which caused delays in planting, therefore prohibiting the District from implementing the phosphorus reduction demonstration as outlined in the grant.

With this grant extension, the District will be able to enhance the proposed project by enabling us to collect water quality samples (with funding outside of the CWI grant) on at least one field demonstration area. The grant's overall objectives will still be maintained and met as per the original CWI grant proposal.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Lake".

Greg Lake
District Director

RECOMMENDATION FOR VACANT APPOINTMENT POSITION

APPOINTED SUPERVISOR, VACANCY: IC 14-32-13

Sec. 13 (a) If a vacancy in the position of appointed supervisor occurs during a district's operating year:

(1) the district supervisors shall, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, recommend to the board in writing one (1) or more individuals qualified to fill the position,

(2) at the first board meeting held after the board received a recommendation under subdivision (1), the board shall act upon the recommendation, and

(3) the board shall notify the supervisor of the appointment made by the board.

(b) The individual appointed to fill a vacant appointed supervisor position under subsection (a) shall serve the unexpired term of the individual's predecessor.

("Board" as used in the state statute refers to the State Soil Conservation Board)

Instructions for submitting this form:

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The Supervisors of the Vanderburgh certify that: Name Scott Winiger Address 1040 Boonville New Harmony Road City Evansville State Indiana Zip 47725	County Soil and Water Conservation District
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This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

Resignation of Davie Sue Litov

(If supervisor has resigned, you **MUST** attach copy of resignation letter. See SharePoint Tutorial for instructions on attaching a file.)

Death of

[Click here to attach a file](#)

We have advised him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of Supervisor. We have advised him/her about "Dual Office Holding" and provided a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS SIGNATURES

Chairman		Date
Laura Lamb	(typed)	

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

IC 14-32-4-1

(c) To hold the position of appointed supervisor, and individual:

- (1) must be of voting age***
- (2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district, and***
- (3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.***

Name Scott Winiger
 Phone Number 812-499-8655
 Date of Birth 11/14/1968
 Address 1040 Boonville New Harmony Road
 City Evansville
 State IN Zip Code 47725
 Education

High School Graduate
California Cullivary School

Occupation or Type of Business
Program Director for Camp Reveal

List Conservation and Other Leadership Experiences

Vanderburgh County SWCD Associate Supervisor since October 2009 Board Meeting
 Assisted in joint SWCD/NRCS fencing/training for NRCS employees Project at Camp Reveal
 Allows district to hold board meetings at Camp Reveal free of charge until they are back in an
 office in Vanderburgh County

Please check one of the following:

- New Appointment
- Reappointment

I currently hold a public service position/office

- Yes
 - If yes, I have been informed about the "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide**
 - Yes
 - No
- No

By signing this document, if appointed as a supervisor by the State Soil Conservation Board, you agree to attend supervisors' monthly meetings regularly and carry out your responsibilities as a supervisor to the best of your ability.

Date 7/26/2011

Signature of Appointee

Please keep a copy of this on file at the SWCD office and notify your District Support Specialist.

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I find myself in sharp contrast to the wishes and immediate goals of the members of the Eagle Slough Committee members at this time, it is the better that I resign my position on the Committee.

This afternoon I also gave my resignation to the Chairman of the Vanderburgh County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I wish you all the best.

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NRCS State Conservationist Report
State Soil Conservation Board Meeting - August 2011

Reminder: Local Work Group Meetings

This year NRCS is asking the Local Working Groups to meet earlier in the year than in the past, and to discuss how well Indiana's current technical information and programs address the local resource concerns. Soil and Water Conservation Districts and District Conservationists are encouraged to hold meetings and submit feedback as soon as possible so data can be entered into the NRCS system by August 19.

Seeking Nominees for Pollinator Award

The North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC) and NACD are seeking nominees for the 2011 Farmer-Rancher Pollinator Conservation Award. This award recognizes an individual or family in the farm and ranch community who has contributed significantly to pollinator species protection, as well as conservation on working and wild lands. The recipients of the 2011 award will be recognized during an evening reception at the Smithsonian Institution on Tuesday, October 25 from 6-8:00 p.m. in Washington D.C., or in their hometown if they are unable to attend. Nomination forms are due by Monday, August 15, and can be found at <http://www.pollinator.org/awards.htm> . Winners will be notified no later than August 22 to allow for travel arrangements.

Indiana NRCS Civil Rights Award

Indiana NRCS is soliciting nominations for the 2011 Civil Rights Award, designed to honor individuals or groups for achievements in the planning and execution of equal employment opportunity (EEO) and Civil Rights activities.

Nominations are being accepted through August 30, and should be submitted to Civil Rights Committee Chair Bill Lambert at bill.lambert@in.usda.gov.

Conservation Farmer of the Year & Supervisor of the Year Award

IASWCD is accepting nominations for Conservation Farmer of the Year Award through Sept. 1, 2011. The award honors Hoosier farmers who actively incorporate and practice conservation on the land. Up to five Indiana farmers will be honored as the top conservation-minded producers in the Hoosier state. The winners were recognized at the 69th Annual Conference of Indiana SWCDs Conservation Award Banquet on January 10, 2012.

IASWCD is accepting nominations for Supervisor of the Year through Oct. 14. The award honors Soil and Water Conservation District leaders for their outstanding and exemplary achievements and leadership in the protection and enhancement of Indiana's soil and water resources.

Applications can be found at: http://www.iaswcd.org/district_tools/applications.html 9QWFE6MQ

Rent Update

State Conservationist Jane Hardisty sent a letter to all SWCDs dated July 18 on updates for space reimbursement in 2011 and 2012. Meetings will be set up this fall to allow direct communication and answer questions about space reimbursement. If you have any questions about the 2011 or 2012 office space reimbursement please contact your Area Conservationist or Roger Kult, Assistant State Conservationist for Operations at roger.kult@in.usda.gov or 317-290-3200, ext 341. Please send any communications regarding alternative constructive solutions directly to Roger.

USDA Women and Hispanic Claims Program

Hispanic and female farmers that believe the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits between 1981 and 2000 because of gender or ethnicity may be eligible to apply for compensation. Interested farmers should be referred to the Farmer Call Center at 1-888-508-4429 or to www.farmerclaims.gov to register to receive a claims package. *USDA cannot provide legal advice to claimants.*