

MINUTES
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

July 09, 2024

Indiana Corn and Soy, 8425 Keystone Crossing #200. Indianapolis, IN 46240
MS Teams

Attendance: See Final Page

- I. Meeting called to order**
 - a. 9:28 am by Jane Hardisty.
- II. March 2024 Minutes**
 - a. Jane moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried by Kenny Cain, Second by Brad Dawson. No further discussion on minutes. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- III. Introduction**
 - a. Jewel Wise, as the newest board member.
 - b. Jewel introduced herself and discussed her background and previous experience.
- IV. Clean Water Indiana**
 - a. Grants – Geneva Tyler
 - i. Due Dates that have passed.
 - ii. Audits completed
 - b. Grants Committee – Brad Dawson
 - i. Roll out of new grants program
 - ii. House Act; restructuring of committee; guidance
 - iii. Questions – Kenny Cain
- V. State Soil Conservation Board Business**
 - a. Chairman report – Gene Schmidt (Absent).
 - b. Directors report – Jennifer Thum
 - i. Highlight areas – CWI exemption update
 - ii. Staffing – Dale Walker, retired.
 1. Two vacancies, resource specialist SW, SE.
 - iii. Oath of Office, language can be added, but needs to be approved.
 - iv. Fulton County – temporary appointment, audit in June (pending with grants services)
 - v. SSCB – business plan update
 - vi. District Audit Costs discussion
 - vii. Discussions for future meetings.
- VI. Public Comment – None**
- VII. Break**
- VIII. Reconvened – 9:59**
- IX. Introductions – Resilient Indiana New Staff Members; Megan Leader**
 - a. June 3 – first group started
 - i. NE, Camille Sczerbowiez
 - ii. SW, Sydney Hassfurther
 - iii. Wabash Valley, Hannah Garriott
 - iv. Tippecanoe, Jordan Young
 - v. Center, Emma Bodnarick
 - vi. Central, East, Jamie Davenport

- b. Discussed field trainings
 - c. No base county, staff members rotate (cycle) and are integrated with the offices they work with.
 - d. Question – Brad Dawson, Jane Hardisty, Kenny Cain
 - e. Funding Discussion
- X. Presentation – Southern Indiana Cooperation Invasives Management “SICIM” – Troy Hinkle**
- a. New Chair Introduction – “Anthony Sikes”
 - b. Organization 7 year Update
 - i. 1,255 outreach events
 - ii. 72 counties active
 - iii. 41 trainings conducted
 - iv. 1,404 property assessments
 - v. 42,369 acres with management plans
 - vi. 42 estimated CISMAs (representing 52 counties)
 - c. SWC Districts and SICIM – partnership not in 17, but in 55/72
 - d. New agreement with NRCS; 75/25 agreement
 - e. Long term role of SICIM in a statewide capacity
 - f. Funding Updates
 - i. Applied and received new grants
 - g. Question – Jewel, Brad Dawson, Kenny Cain
- XI. IDEA – Request Indiana District Employees Association**
- a. Martha Miller
 - i. Asking to form a task force together for a state and local mediation program
 - b. Discussion
 - i. B.D expressed concern that the issues go back to the county level of management.
 - ii. Ray Chattin – District Visits Task Force
 - iii. Board Members – request an outline of what is being requested would look like.
 - iv. Hold vote on request until the above is provided.
- XII. Soil and Water Conservation Districts**
- a. Temporary Appointments
 - i. Steuben County SWCD – Brad Hamlin
 - ii. Kosciusko County SWCD – Ben Schlipf
 - iii. Fulton County SWCD – George Krum & Glen Jones
 - iv. Brown County SWCD – Clint Studebaker
 - b. Board Discussion
 - c. Jane motioned to approve, Brad motioned to support, Jewel & Ray seconded. Motion carried with unanimous vote.
- XIII. ICP Reports**
- a. ISDA – Jennifer Thum
 - i. Partnership Updates – Laura Fribley
 - ii. CREP and Water Quality Initiatives – Julie Harris
 - 1. CREP Expansion
 - a. Staff trainings
 - b. 970 Acres signed up, so far, for the year
 - c. State Incentives

- 2. Water Quality Updates
 - a. Updates to strategy
 - b. INREP
 - iii. Nutrient Stewardship – Julie Harris
 - 1. Little updates to program
 - 2. Position is still vacant
 - iv. Technical Assistance – Mike Johnson
 - 1. Review of written report
 - v. District Support Report – Laura Fribley
 - 1. Summer Summits
 - vi. Director Lamb Addressed the Board
 - b. IASWCD – Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts – Amy Work
 - i. Hosted grant workshops
 - ii. Statewide Award programs
 - iii. District Showcase nominations are open
 - iv. Upcoming Events
 - 1. Summer Summits
 - 2. Conservation Program Series (4 virtual sessions in July)
 - 3. Statewide Conference
 - v. CCSI Update – Lisa Holscher
 - vi. USH Update – Eliana Blaine
 - c. Purdue – review report
 - d. NRCS – Jerod Chew
 - i. Review report
 - ii. Review of upcoming partnership opportunities.
 - iii. Reviewed statistical data
 - e. FSA – none
 - f. IDEA – Brandy Frazier
 - i. 160 members for the year
 - ii. 4/5 Career Development Programs
 - iii. Planning Fall Conference
- XIV. **Public Comment** – None
- XV. **Next Meeting Dates**
 - a. September 10 – TBD, October 22 – TBD
- XVI. **Adjourn** – 12:15

In Person:

Jane Hardisty, Vice Chair
Kenny Cain, Board Member
Jewel Wise, Board Member
Ray Chattin, Board Member
Brad Dawson, Board Member
Amy Work, IASWCD
Geneva Tyler, ISDA
Nathan Stoelting, ISDA
Mike Johnson, ISDA
Don Lamb, ISDA
Julie Harrold, ISDA
Katie Nelson, ISDA
Kylie Wheeler, ISDA
Breegan Anderson, ISDA
Jennifer Thum, ISDA
Kassidy Kennedy, ISDA
Jerod Chew, NRCS
Meg Leader, RITA
Jamie Davenport, RITA
Sydney Hassfurther, RITA
Hanna Garriott, RITA
Camile Sczerbowiez, RITA
Jordan Young, RITA
Emma Bodnarick, RITA
Anthony Sipes, SICIM
Troy Hinkle, SWCD & SICIM

Virtual Attendance via Teams:

Perkins, Cassidy - FPAC-NRCS, IN
Gogel, Andrea - FPAC-NRCS, IN
Watson, Mary - FPAC-NRCS, IN
Schroeder, Sheila - FPAC-NRCS, IN
Johnson, Tracey - FPAC-NRCS, IN
Sargeant, Shalyn - FPAC-NRCS, IN
Holscher, Lisa - FPAC-NRCS, IN
Hatt, Jessica - FPAC-NRCS, IN
Blaine, Eliana - FPAC-NRCS, IN
Fulton Co SWCD (Unverified)
Doyle, Colson (ISDA)
Harmon, Leah (ISDA)
Cullen, Carissa (ISDA)
Conwell, Emily (ISDA)
Pigg, William (ISDA)
Martha Miller (External)
Moore, Kelsey (ISDA)
Hayes, Quinton (ISDA)
Brandenburg, Rachel (ISDA)
Fribley, Laura (ISDA)
Hoffarth, Sandra (ISDA)
Brad D. (Unverified)
Brandi (Unverified)
Toby Days (External)
Corrice, Zachariah
Brandi (Unverified)
Brad D. (Unverified)
Brandi Frazier (Unverified)
Fulton Co SWCD (Unverified)
Eric Shideler (Unverified)