



**Vanderburgh County Soil and Water Conservation District
P. O. Box 125, Inglefield, IN 47618-0125**

Minutes of Regular Meeting
VANDERBURGH COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
(SWCD) Office, Evansville, Indiana
7:00 p.m., Monday, November 22, 2010

Present:

Davie Sue W Litov, Chairman
David Ellison, Vice Chairman
Laura Lamb, Secretary
Wayne Fehd, Member
John Hahn, Member (Absent)
Steve Helfrich, Associate
Scott Winiger, Associate

SWCD Personnel:

Norma Duckworth
Bonnie Bittner

NRCS Personnel:

Darrell Rice
Lindsay Martinez (Absent)

The minutes of the October meeting were mailed or emailed to each member prior to the meeting.

A motion was made by Laura Lamb to approve the minutes of the October, 2010 meeting, seconded by Wayne Fehd, and carried.

The minutes were passed for board members signature.

Davie Sue asked Bonnie to give the October financial report, which showed the previous balance 10-1-10 \$25,124.01, Receipts, \$1,214.01, Debits \$3,590.14 and balance as of 10-31-10 \$24,111.33.

A motion was made by Laura Lamb, seconded by Wayne Fehd and carried, to approve the treasurer's report as presented.

The following claims for October were submitted for supervisor approval:	
W4597 NACD (Dues 2011)	\$775.00
W4587 Keep Evansville Beautiful (Awards Luncheon)	\$20.00
W4589 Posey County SWCD (Vanderburgh Share of Soil Quality Workshop)	\$265.49
W4588 AT&T Mobility (Two Months Bills/New Cell Phone)	\$52.86
W4590 Norma Duckworth (Reimbursement Blazer Repairs/Cleaning)	\$225.54
W4593 AT&T Mobility (Cell Phone Bill)	\$16.60
W4594 Khimaira (Website Hosting)	\$165.00
W4595 Gibson County SWCD (1/2/of 2 nights lodging IDEA Conference)	\$82.00
W4596 USDA-NFC (rent Period 10/1/10-12/31/10)	\$666.75
W4600 AmeriStamp (White Table Covers with Logo)	\$397.00
Claims Submitted To County:	
Bonnie Bittner (Mileage to Meetings)	\$67.20
Vanderburgh County SWCD (Reimbursement KEB Awards Luncheon)	\$20.00
Vanderburgh County SWCD (Reimbursement Cell Phone Bill)	\$16.60
Vanderburgh County SWCD (Reimbursement Website Hosting)	\$165.00
Vanderburgh County SWCD (Reimbursement 2 Months Bills/New Cell Phone)	\$52.86
Vanderburgh County SWCD (Reimbursement Blazer repair/Cleaning)	\$225.54
Bonnie Bittner (Mileage)	\$19.20

Vanderburgh County SWCD (Reimbursement Rent Bill Remainder Budget)	\$150.33
CPESC (Renewal Fee for 2011)	\$100.00

Wayne Fehd reviewed the claims stating everything was in order.

Wayne Fehd made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by David Ellison, and carried.

Wayne passed the claim registers for board member signature.

OLD BUSINESS:

Natural Resource Committee – David Ellison, Chairperson

The Lake and River Enhancement Project was reviewed and the funding will be checked on. Some more invoices were sent in for payment. The district will receive 2% of the payments for handling the paper work.

The tillage plot contract payment is due, but the supervisors had questions about the data from this year. The Stahl Brothers will be contacted and the records will be asked for or invite them to the next board meeting to give a report.

BUSINESS PLAN

ACTIONS 2010

Urban Soil Erosion:

- Continue developers' workshop
- Continue SWCD's level of involvement with MS4's
- Develop education programs
- Continue existing watershed initiatives and establish new one by 2012

Agriculture Soil Erosion:

- Field Day/No-Till workshops
- Continue Locust Creek Core IV projects
- Establish a priority watershed TBD in Vanderburgh County utilizing Core IV principles
- Locate and promote programs that provide incentives to adopt conservation practices (Newsletter)

Water Quality:

- Partner with Health Department to address water quality concerns
- Continue septic information in newsletter & informative materials from other sources
- Continue conservation programs on Ag lands that improve water quality
- Continue water quality monitoring

Preservation of Natural Areas:

- Locate & Identify

Preservation of Farmland:

- I. Create additional wetlands, forest & wildlife areas
 - SWCD becomes knowledgeable about federal, state & local programs related to natural areas
 - Preservation, Educate & promote programs to general public
 - Promote native plant species
 - Work with partners to eradicate invasive
 - Educate the public
- II. Preserve existing wetlands, forests & wildlife areas
 - SWCD becomes knowledgeable about programs to aid in the creation of natural areas
 - Educate/promote programs to the public through workshops and partnerships

Urban Initiatives

- I. Encourage the utilization of "green spaces" in subdivisions & urban
 - Educate SWCD on zoning & related "green space" issues
 - Remain involved in influencing zoning ordinances related to "green space"

Partner with city Arborist to promote Tree City USA programs Partner with City Beautiful to promote relevant programs Partner with City/County parks department to preserve/create parks & related areas
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Land Use Committee – Wayne Fehd, Chairperson

Vanderburgh County SWCD was granted the Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Grant (\$7,000) they applied for 2011.

Education Outreach Committee – Laura Lamb, Chairperson

No Old Business This Month.

District Operation Committee – John Hahn, Chairperson

The County Commissioner Meeting report was tabled. Supervisors were reminded of the dates they signed up to attend in December.

Chairman signed the supervisor nomination form that is to be filed. The nomination form was submitted online at MyShare.

Chairman gave an Annual Meeting Awards Committee report. River Friendly Farmer-Gary Ludwig, Conservation Educator-Larry Caplan, Conservation Education Group-Memorial Baptist Church, Urban Conservation Organization-University of Southern Indiana. Members were asked if they wanted to keep Annual Meeting dinner tickets the same or raise the price. After a discussion

Wayne Fehd made a motion to set the ticket price before the meeting at \$8.00 and \$8.50 at the door, seconded by Laura Lamb and carried.

Annual Conference Registration Sheets were handed in and a travel request form was signed.

Vice-Chairman reported he was unable to reach the client he was asked to call to see if he would be interested in running for supervisor in the February 2011 election. He will call Tuesday morning and contact Bonnie with the results.

NEW BUSINESS:

Soil and Water Resource Committee – Dave Ellison, Chairperson

Member and staff were asked to refer to a copy in their packets for the information on the region meeting the region director is having on December 6th at Sugar Ridge. Members and staff are to contact Bonnie after checking their calendars so she can RSVP for the dinner.

Members were asked which legislators they are comfortable contacting when there is a legislative issue. The Indiana Association Soil and Water Conservation District (IASWCD) legislative committee want to know who and how to contact and what legislators they are willing to contact. Bonnie will type all the information on the form and send it to the state office.

Members were asked to refer to copies in their packets of the resolutions that will be voted on during the business meeting at Annual conference. After a lengthy discussion consensus was to accept the resolutions.

Land Use Committee – Wayne Fehd, Chairperson

Chairman reported they will be building the deck at Eagle Slough Natural Area and a roof on the Kiosk.

The next Smart Growth Meeting will be December 16, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the CK Newsome Center. A previous guest was Lindsey Landowski, Wildlife Biologist for U.S. Fish and Wildlife stationed at Oakland City,

IN. Lindsey presented a copy of the Buffer Ordinance for Bloomington, Indiana and highlighted various sections which might be a good fit for Evansville, Vanderburgh County.

The Clean Water Indiana 2010 grant amendment was passed for chairman's signature. Bonnie will mail it to Paul Hoffman.

A copy of the Backyard Conservation Native Planting Project sent in by an approved client was passed for members to review. After a discussion

A motion to pay for half of the project (\$337.27) by David Ellison,
Seconded by Laura Lamb and carried.

Chairman explained Four Rivers RC&D asked the district if they would sponsor Living Land and Water Project if he gets the grant to bring them here from Vectren. After some discussion and Bonnie reporting the surrounding counties are on board to help with the project there was a consensus to fill out the project form and send it to Four Rivers RC&D accepting to sponsor the project.

Education & Outreach Committee – Laura Lamb, Chairperson

Chairman asked members to refer to copies in their packets for the Water Specialist's report which was:

- Computer maintenance and recovery of data. Mother board failed
- Truck maintenance- including fueling at county garage.
- Meeting with Mr. Funkhouser regarding Pigeon Highland project.
- KEB – Education program, KEB luncheon.
- Spoke to Gail Riecken who is very interested in TMDL for Ohio and Pigeon.
- Prepared 2010 water monitoring data for various medium. Processes and submitted our water monitoring data to Bonnie to put on web site. Submitted most of this data to Hoosier Riverwatch. Added other data to report for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. They are adding this to their report. They are wanting guidance on moving forward in Evansville. I hope to talk to Rep Riecken and others about this soon.
- Submitted some LARE data to IDEM. No luck in getting CD from USI for Locust Creek Study.
- Looked at several sites during rain for erosion control/Will need to return to check out a couple of things, especially at USI. Little or no erosion at Kohl's site, but certainly a step backwards. I also have several plans to go over. One has been approved and is complete, but needs our signature on it, because it was done by either the county or city coordinators.
- Planning ecoli trainings for 2 people in early December.
- Plan to attend Riverwatch and project wet training in early December.
- Possibly water shed meeting and SWCD personnel meeting November 30.
- Working on preparing poster contest and educational outreach.
- Participated in Locally Led meeting with Darrell Rice at Oaklyn Library.
- Reviewed presentations at Tech School on their Pigeon Creek Project.
- Preparing Newsletter articles for January Newsletter.

District Operation Committee –John Hahn, Chairperson

Chairman reported Steve Helfrich is willing to be temporarily appointed to take John Hahn's place as an elected supervisor. John was contacted to send a letter of resignation to put with the temporary appointment form.

A motion was made to accept Steve Helfrich as an elected supervisor to finish John Hahn's term, seconded by Laura Lamb and carried.

Wayne Fehd reported the Petty Cash report matches the Petty Cash; he passed it for members to initial.

Darrell reported the office is still in Boonville and he received an email saying the bids were sent to DC for review. All USDA programs are going well and they are starting their new year.

County Employee time sheets were passed for review and signature.

The December meeting was set for December 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Camp Reveal Banquet Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with a motion from, Laura Lamb seconded by Dave Ellison and carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Bonnie Bittner
Executive Assistant

Minutes approved on December 13, 2010

Davie Sue W Litov _____

David Ellison _____

Laura Lamb _____

Wayne Fehd _____

John Hahn _____