



White County Soil & Water Conservation District
103 Country Lane – Monticello, IN 47960
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OCTOBER 12, 2022

WHITE COUNTY SWCD SUPERVISORS MEETING

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY LARRY KILMER AT 8:31 AM.

ALSO PRESENT WERE JOHN DEMERLY, JOHN FIELDING, JAYLEN HUNT, BRUCE REYNOLDS, STEVE COSGRAY, ANDREW WESTFALL, AND SHANNON O'FARRELL.

MINUTES:

THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING STAND APPROVED AS RECEIVED.

(JOHN F/JAYLEN H)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER WERE REVIEWED AND APPROVED; SUBJECT TO AUDIT AT A LATER DATE.

CLAIMS

APPROVED

(JAYLEN H/ JOHN F)

OLD BUSINESS:

RC&D UPDATE

RC&D EDUCATION COMMITTEE MET ON OCTOBER 5TH TO RECAP OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE RAFTING EXPEDITION THIS YEAR. IN SUMMARY, ALL TASKS WERE CARRIED OUT SUCCESSFULLY WITH MINOR INTERRUPTIONS. WE DID HAVE A FEW UPDATES TO MAKE ON OUR REGISTRATION FORM AND RAFTING BROCHURE. ASSIGNMENTS HAVE SINCE BEEN COMPLETED AND TURNED IN TO THE RC&D GROUP. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 7TH AT THE PULASKI CO. HIGHWAY GARAGE.

BI-COUNTY SOIL HEALTH WORKSHOP

NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022 @ 8:30 AM.

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THE BI-COUNTY PLANNING COMMITTEE MET ON SEPTEMBER 29TH AND CAME UP WITH A THEM OF "TOUGH WEATHER, TOUGH SOILS". WE HAVE SCHEDULED THE STATE CLIMATOLOGIST, BETH HALL, TO SPEAK FIRST ABOUT WHAT WE'VE SEEN OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS AS WELL AS A PROJECTION OF WEATHER PATTERNS BASED ON RECENT MODELS. SHE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING VARIOUS APPS AND TOOLS AVAILABLE FOR FARMERS THAT THE STATE CLIMATE OFFICE HAS PUT TOGETHER.

SOME OTHER TOPICS THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING INCLUDE: SOIL MICROBIAL LIFE, MANURE APPLICATION, PRESCRIBED FERTILIZERS, AS WELL AS COVER CROP NUTRIENT CYCLING.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL MEETING

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENT ARE DUE NOVEMBER 1ST. THE ELECTION COMMITTEE GOT TOGETHER AND SUGGESTED THAT THE CURRENT TERM HOLDERS WILL REMAIN IN POSITION FOR ANOTHER 3 YEARS. LARRY KILMER WILL BE OUR RECOMMENDATION FOR SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENT IN 2023.

GARDEN CLUB

FCG HOSTED ANOTHER GARDENING WORKSHOP ON OCTOBER 11TH AT JORDAN COMMUNITY GARDENS. WE HAD GUEST SPEAKER, JESSICA WILES, FROM BACK2EARTH – BIOTOWN PRESENT ON "PUTTING BEDS TO REST". WE HAD FOUR PEOPLE ATTEND HER DISCUSSION ON HOW TO PREP GARDEN BEDS FOR THE NEXT GROWING SEASON.

FCG WILL BE HOSTING OUR FINAL GARDENING WORKSHOP ON 11/8/22 @ 7 PM AT THE ANHEIER BUILDING, MONTICELLO PARKS DEPT.

HOAGLAND DITCH

HOAGLAND DITCH IS A WATERWAY DRAINING OVER 47,000 ACRES ACROSS 3 COUNTIES, WHICH DRAINS DIRECTLY INTO LAKE SHAFER. THE LAST TIME ANYONE TRIED TO ADDRESS FLOODING CONCERNS WAS IN 1981, AND IT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO THE COST OF SERVICES. WE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH DNR AND ASK IF THIS PROJECT WOULD FALL WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE LARE PROGRAM TO DO AN ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY STUDY.

NRCS UPDATE; DC TALKING POINTS:

REPORT ATTACHED

ISDA UPDATE: DSS UPDATE

REPORT ATTACHED

EXTENSION UPDATE:

REPORT ATTACHED

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR ACTIVITIES:

REPORT ATTACHED

OTHER:

ADJOURN:

9:24 AM

X Larry Palmer

X John Fillingim

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