

# Vermillion County Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2020

The Vermillion County SWCD Board of Supervisors met on May 14, 2020 at the Vermillion County SWCD Office. The following supervisors were present David Bishop and LeeAnn Larrance in the office. Josh Bishop and Angie Riggen attended meeting via Zoom video conference.

Associate Supervisors:

Staff members present: Eric Shideler, Carter Morgan (Zoom), Don Donovan (Zoom)

Guests: Nathan Stoelting, ISDA DSS (Zoom), Phil Cox

## **Call to order**

Josh Bishop, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Nathan Stoelting, ISDA DSS administered the Oath of Office to Angie Riggen.

## **Minutes**

Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. David moved to approve the minutes as submitted. LeeAnn seconded. The motion passed.

## **Accounts Payable Register and Treasurer's Report**

A printed financial report was provided by Eric. David moved to accept the financial report and all outstanding claims subject to audit. LeeAnn seconded. The motion passed.

## **Staff Reports**

Eric: submitted a written report

Don; Updated the board on COVID-19 procedures for USDA Service Centers. NRCS is getting ready for WHIP and Livestock sign up. At this point, there is limited staff at the Rockville USDA Center. NRCS is working on ranking EQIP contracts with a target date in June. There are 20 continuous CRP contracts in Parke and Vermillion Counties.

Carter; Reported limited face to face contacts with producers due to COVID-19. Most conversations have been via text or phone call. Cover crop questions have increased the beginning of May.

Nathan:ISDA; ISDA is on a hiring freeze currently. Jim Woody, ISDA RSS retired May 1 and Tyler Trout, ISDA RSS has moved to NRCS. Any ISDA Technical Assistance will come from the Clay County office for the time being.

Phil Cox: Purdue Extension; Reported all current programming is being shifted to virtual programming through June. No face to face meetings through June.

May 19 – Tics Webinar

May 21 – Chicken Workshop

June 11 & 18 – Healthy Ponds Webinar

## **Old business**

Eric updated the board on the status of the NRCS Contribution Agreement to conduct CRP inspections. There will be one large 5 year agreement and Knox County SWCD will be the administrators for the agreement. LeeAnn moved to allow Eric to sign the contribution agreement on behalf of the board once it is received. David seconded. Motion passed.

## **New business**

Eric highlighted the NACD Technical Assistance Grant application and budget and answered questions from the board. David moved to submit the NACD Technical Assistance Grant. LeeAnn seconded. Motion passed.

LeeAnn moved to adjourn. David seconded. Motion passed.

With no additions or corrections the minutes were approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

Darrell Morgan

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Angie Riggen

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Josh Bishop

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LeeAnn Larrance

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David Bishop

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