



# SWITZERLAND COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## Supervisors Present

Ken Briggs  
John Schroer  
Chase Kelso

## SWCD Present

Cheryl Furnish  
Katie Collier

## Guests Present

## Not Present

David Schuler  
Jeanette Andrew

## NRCS Present

Matt Jarvis

## Previous Board Minutes

The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. John moved and Chase seconded to approve the minutes and all were in favor. Board members present signed the minutes.

## Financial Report

The January claims were reviewed. John moved and Chase seconded to pay the claims and all were in favor. Board members present signed the account payable voucher register.

## HHH Dues

The Historic Hoosier Hills dues for 2017 are \$250.00. Chase moved and John seconded to pay the dues and all were in favor. Katie will send the check to Casie at HHH. Katie informed the board that the HHH Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30th at the Livery Stable in Madison. The SWCD's in the HHH District are all being honored with the Raymond F. West Outstanding Service Award. Katie will send the letter out to all supervisors closer to the date of the meeting as a reminder.

## Materiality Policy

Districts learned about the Materiality Directive from the State Board of Accounts at the Annual Conference in Indianapolis. A sample policy was sent out to all Districts and discussed with the board. Chase moved and John seconded to have any variances, losses or shortages \$500 and over be reported to the SBOA. All board members were in favor. Katie will type up the policy and have it on file. It will also be reported to the SBOA when the Annual Financial Report is filed.

## March Meeting and Office Closing

There will not be a meeting on March 1st due to the Annual Meeting being held on the 23rd. All county offices will be closed on February 20th in observance of President's Day.

## Annual Conference Review

Katie and Matt discussed the Annual Conference that they attended in Indianapolis. Katie feels that it is a good conference for new employees and new supervisors however it is lacking for employees/supervisors that have attended regularly. It would be helpful to move the conference around the state or have it every other year to get more variety in topics and speakers.

**Annual Meeting**

Everything is set for the annual meeting on the 23rd. The award winners have been contacted as has the newspaper for their interviews. The annual report will run in the newspaper the week prior to the meeting.

**Upcoming Workshops**

Healthy Soils for the Grazing Farmer is Thursday, February 2nd at 6 pm. March 13th is the Solar Workshop and March 27th is the GMO workshop. All will take place at the Bear Branch Fire Department.

**Indian-Kentuck Watershed**

Bills have been turned in for 4100 feet of fencing in Jefferson County. They will be invoiced to IDEM for payment.

**Technician Report**

Cheryl has been assisting Matt with the maps and folders for all of the new EQIP and CSP applicants getting in prior to the deadlines.

**NRCS**

Matt discussed the DC Talking Points with the board and the trainings he has attended this week. He discussed the deadline for the CSP program. In the three counties that Matt covers he has approximately 44 EQIP applications and 4 interested in CSP. The Switzerland County office will be having a Civil Rights audit as well as a quality review in February.

**Other**

Katie discussed the opportunity to start a Women's Learning Circle in South Eastern Indiana. Casie at Historic Hoosier Hills and Jill with Ohio County Extension are interested in partnering to make this happen. She will keep the board updated within the next month. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Collier