

**AGENDA**  
**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING**

**September 21, 2021**

**Farm Bureau Building**

**225 S East St, Indianapolis, IN 46202**

**MS Teams Virtual Option**

**Present**

Amy Burris (Board Member)  
Kenny Cain (Board Member)  
Larry Clemens (Board Member)  
Brad Dawson (Board Member)  
Trevor Laureys  
Geneva Tyler  
Laura Fribley  
Joe Schmees  
Mark Thomas

**Present electronically (via phone)**

Warren Baird (Board Member)  
Bob Eddleman (Board Member)

**Present Electronically (via MS Teams)**

George Reger  
Walt Sell  
Julie Harrold  
Nathan Stoelting  
Tara Wesseler-Henry  
Mark LeBlanc  
Nathan Warenski  
Laura Stearley  
Jerry Raynor

- I. 9:31 am.:** Meeting called to order by Amy Burris, Chair
- II.** Larry made a motion to approve agenda. Seconded by Kenny. Motion carried. Amy asked that all votes are conducted with a roll call. Roll call vote was taken: all approved.
- III. Approve Minutes of July 2021.** Larry made a motion to approve previous minutes. Bob seconded. Roll call vote: all approved. Motion carried.
- IV. Clean Water Indiana**
  - a.** Clean Water Indiana 2022 Grants update- Tara Wesseler-Henry gave a verbal update. 18 grants were submitted, representing 30 SWCDs, for a total of \$1,664,222.85.
  - b.** Tara Wesseler-Henry presented a Clean Water Indiana Grant Modification request for Grant County SWCD. Brad made a motion to approve extension, second was made by Bob. Roll call vote: all approved. Motion carried.
- V. State Soil Conservation Board Business**
  - a.** Trevor gave an update for the Division of Soil Conservation. Details regarding filling staff vacancies was discussed. Trevor gave an update on Surety Bond as well.
  - b.** Amy discussed a virtual meeting attendance policy. Bob Eddelman shared his thoughts and asked a question regarding quorum. Amy and Geneva responded to the questions. Bob made a motion to approve electronic participation as presented. Kenny seconded. Roll call vote: all approved. Motion carried.
  - c.** Letter from governor regarding resources was discussed. Amy asked for everyone to provide any feedback on letter that had been voted on in July to be drafted. No additional changes were discussed. Letter will be mailed as presented.
- VI. Soil and Water Conservation Districts**
  - a.** Geneva gave an update on Porter County change in supervisor. Brad moved to accept nomination. Kenny seconded. Roll call vote: Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Tara gave updated on supervisor replacement in Union County. Bob made a motion to accept. Warren seconded. Roll call vote: Motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Public Comment**

- a. Amy asked for public comment. Julie gave a report on CREP. Amy thanked Julie for the update. Kenny asked a follow up question
- b. Joe Schmees gave an update for IASWCD.
- c. Walt Sell gave an update for Purdue.
- d. Jerry gave an update for the NRCS. He shared a written report and thanked partners for a successful year in conservation.
- e. George gave an update for Northwest work on the ground.
- f. Laura gave an update for the DSS team.

**VIII.** Next meeting will be October 26. Meeting went into a break before the State Soil Conservation Board began their training.

**IX. Training was conducted.**

- a. Laura Fribley led discussion and reviewed Purpose and Responsibilities of the SSCB, Roles of the Board and Individual Responsibilities
- b. Geneva Tyler reviewed and led discussion on Public Access Law.
- c. Nathan Stoelting and Mark Thomas led discussion on Parliamentary Procedure.

After additional discussion, Brad made a motion to submit the letter discussed earlier to Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Seconded by Kenny. Roll call vote: Warren voted no. Bob did not vote (he was no longer present). All others voted in favor. Motion carried.

**X.** Amy adjourned meeting at 11:57am.