

## Meeting Minutes

**February 15, 2017 8:00 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by Mike Hortin. Present: Mike Hortin, Eric Veech, David Carr, Zach Hyde, Angela Binnion, Megan Baskerville, Kent Bohnhoff and guest Keith Alexander from the City of Decatur.

Kent presented the NRCS report explaining 94 CSP payments have been completed. Working on EQIP and RCPP applications. There is a cap on CRP across this year and he and Megan are working on Field to Market project.

Keith Alexander attended the meeting to thank us for the job well done. Values the conservation put on the ground over the last two years and looks forward to working with us in the future.

A motion was made by David and seconded by Eric to approve the January 2017 minutes with no additions or corrections.

The treasurers report was presented. The IDOA funding is coming in.

In OLD BUSINESS, Zach made a motion to approve two changes to the Personnel Policy. 1. On page 2- 30 hour work week is changed to 40 hour work week. 2. On page 4- strike PTO time must be taken in increments of 4 hours out. Eric seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Annual Meeting / Elections is next Thursday, February 23. A draft agenda and treasurers report are in the binders for review and they look good. The meeting is at the NSEC Building and begins at 11 a.m..

Update on CREP Easement # 20111423. The Easement is being sold. The new owner doesn't want to keep the Easement so the current owner is backing out of contract and is responsible for paying back the \$5140. To DNR.

Manny Wei has been offered the Watershed Tech Position at a wage of \$50.00/hour. Additionally 1 hour travel time is to be paid. Mike will be drafting a contract to commence December 31, 2017. Insurance is being looked into and getting a quote. Manny will work 2 or 3 days a week.

New Business includes the Farm Progress Show 2017 will cost 600-900\$ to participate in the tent this year. Eric moves to take up to \$2000.00 out of our savings account for participation fee and reusable materials. Zach seconds the motion and the motion passes.

Staff reports were given. Megan reported that Legislative day is March 14 and encourages everyone to participate. Angela reported will be attending the Utica Conference and our SAMS number is reactivated.

Eric made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Zach seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.