
STRC&D Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 16, 2011
Steel City Truckstop, Brazil, IN

Present: Bud Sharp, Jim Spence, Steve Herbert, John Gettinger, Bev Pestel, Jan Came, Brian Gilmartin

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Brian, seconded by Jim, no discussion, Approved.

Indiana League- Bud to meet with Jane Hardistee 3/17/11. Items on their agenda are: how to advertise RC&D, status of distressed councils, how to provide teleconferencing capabilities to councils.

Steve made a motion and Bev seconded to revisit the issue of the funding source for STRC&D members expenses for attendance at the national conference. Discussion: at the time the original motion was approved it was to come from general fund, but that was at a time when we thought we were to receive \$4,000 for close down expenses; the \$4,000 will not be received. Motion approved. NOTE: Bud add to July agenda.

Pres. Obama has proposed a new program for Rural Councils. Bud has a multi page summary. Apparently they are unaware that RC&Ds have been fulfilling the same mission for lo these many years. Agreed national must take lead on this. Genereal dissatisfaction was expressed with Nationals performance to date re reorganization post USDA era.

Indiana Achievement Award application has been prepared and submitted by Bud. Even if we don't get one this year we should submit in subsequent years; apparently not common to get on first few submissions. Good job Bud.

Old Business:

Jan had membership cards for comment. Change so that a specific calendar year is set forth as the membership period. Good job Jan.

Raoul submitted a draft questionnaire. Many many questions and comments, alas, no Raoul in attendance. Oh well we try again in July.

Steve- Grant Station

- 1) NARC&D yearly \$450 with grant station. yearly dues, calendar year, no proration or short year rate. NG for this year.
- 2) Grant Station apparently, despite rumors to the contrary, does not have a \$99 fee program. NG
- 3) NARC&D yearly membership also includes two other grant resources.

If we do this we must utilize it otherwise we are wasting \$\$\$. Brian said he would like to see us try it one year. He will be in FL and has little to do so will work on grant proposals for the

woods. This is to be on Oct agenda. Steve will check if we pay in Oct or Nov will they throw in the remainder of this year so we can get an early start. Bud add to Oct agenda.

Sycamore Trails Woods. Brian to draft a letter to neighbors re hi who we are, what we are about, we want to be good neighbors but, no trespassing, no vehicles, no burning, no mushrooming. TNC CE imposes many restrictions we must enforce. Please help us. Etc Etc. Not good to have one on one confrontation.

Parking lot there is a \$ problem-stone will come from Putnam county so trucking costs make donation of materials almost impossible. June July and Aug are best months to install. Best method clear trees, remove stumps, remove topsoil, put in membrane, apply material, compact material. Steve guesstimates each 100X100 will cost \$4000 for material. Hopefully, in house volunteers remove trees, Brad Larson will help with stumps and site prep and spreading and grading. This fall or more likely spring project. General support to pay for materials was expressed so we can start to use the property for tours: public, other organizations and school districts.

Trail- Keith Ruble did a trail at Elliot Woods with volunteer design and build. Get input from Keith.

210 South Indiana Street Greencastle, In Office is up and running. Space works well. GOOD JOB YOU ALL. It was an all hands project, all involved can be proud!!!!

Office Staff Bev had a bad experience, told office would be opened, travelled over, office was not open. BAD. A broad and long discussion was had re STRC&D needs to have a presence, accounting, bookkeeping services, clerical support re workshops, banquets, workdays, events, agendas, minutes. Committees, how much can they pick up. No real agreement on this point-most thought that to transfer clerical and office duties to committees or committee chair was not a good idea. Others thought it had to be. Others thought we must have a staff to do these things. Subsequent events indicate there was not an agreement. Bud- Add to July agenda and leave significant amount of time to reach agreement. Need a new job description, and employee search. Do we get new employee to do all or add to Laura. If one to do all Laura may interview but we will put it out there for new applicants.

Office equipment—Brian to sell unused equipment on line or otherwise. SWCD wants 45% of sale proceeds from copier.

Next Meeting:

PLEASE NOTE: Board meetings are regularly held on 3rd WEDNESDAY . July will be 2nd Wed 7/13/12 at Brians house. There will be an early bird special at 3:00 that day for all who can help go through the boxes in the trailer and sort paperwork to be kept and to be burned. Pizza at 6 (Steve will pick up on way in at Chicago Pizza in Cloverdale) and the regular meeting will be at or shortly after 6:00.