



TTK Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 12th, 2017

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. EST

Sullivan SWCD Office (Rain Location)

Attendees: Josh Brosmer, IDEM, Trey Clark, WLRM and Stakeholder, Bruce Marheine, WLRM, Laura Demarest, WCIWA Watershed Coordinator

Introduction

Refreshments provided by Advisory Committee members. The original plans of having a pitch-in cookout and boat ride on Lake Sullivan (courtesy of Bruce Marheine) were cancelled due to high winds and inclement weather. Many had RSVP-ed for the boat ride, but only a few showed for the impromptu rain date meeting, held at the SWCD office. Brief updates were provided and much time was spent discussing potential field day ideas for 2018.

- **Status of Ongoing Projects**

- **TTK Cost-Share Program** – The first round of TTK cost-share was completely utilized before the grant was completed in January 2017. There is funding for the 2nd installment of TTK implementation to continue in Turman Creek watershed - \$200,000. This funding is available now through April 2019.
- **Clean Water Indiana Grant** – a limited amount of funding is still available for practices outside of Turman; over \$13,000 was used towards fall cover crops; the remaining ~\$16,000 is expected to be completely utilized this fall and another grant application is being submitted for additional CWI funding.
- **LARE Grant application** – The first installment (\$30,000) of the DNR LARE Turtle Creek Watershed Land Treatment has been allocated to several projects, including cover crops completed this fall, a potential tree planting (3 acres), and a wetland project to benefit over 300 acres (engineering underway). The application for additional funding (submitted in January 2017) was funded for another \$30,000!
- **Additional Grant News: TNC + Caterpillar** – Details are still being confirmed, but additional funding is likely as TNC and Caterpillar work to achieve a high acreage goal of cover crops throughout their 'target areas' along the Wabash in Indiana.

Planning Ahead

- **Field Day/Planning**- Discussion regarding a 'fishing field day' in 2018 – would need host location and could use Sullivan SWCD supplies, potentially partner with DNR Go FishIN program. Would highlight BMPs, water quality
- **Promotional BMP signage** – will use similar design for TTK #1 Demo sign; can give to producers with visible BMPs to install in their fields for better promotion of the cost-share program.
- **Cost-Share Promotion – Fall Cover Crops** – currently advertising in Sullivan Daily Times – have approximately ~\$80,000 in engineering projects earmarked and additional interest in precision ag, cover crops.

Next Meeting Date December 12th, 2017 – Hoosier Energy Environmental Education Center

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